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ALARM AT TERRORISM CASH CUTS

EXCLUSIVE
By **STEVE KNIGHT**

A LEADING police figure has issued a damning verdict on the independent body responsible for cutting the money spent on Kent's anti-terrorism strategy.

Mark Gilmartin is chief executive of the Kent Police Authority, which oversees the running of the county's force.

He told Kent on Sunday he was concerned the Association of Chief Police Officers (Acpo) committee decided an undisclosed sum of money used to fund 3.5 'dedicated security posts' in Kent would be better spent elsewhere in the country.

He made the comments after a review by Acpo's TAM (Terrorism and Allied Matters) committee decided an undisclosed sum of money used to fund 3.5 'dedicated security posts' in Kent would be better spent elsewhere in the country.

Mr Gilmartin said: "The Home Office has basically said to Acpo, 'You're probably well-informed on these matters, how would you

Chief constables take our funds but their forces do 'pretty well'

suggest we spend the funding?' The cynic in me looks at the chief constables sitting on that committee, and it seems their forces do pretty well.

"I hope I'm not being inappropriate, but it doesn't seem to me to be the right and proper way to do things. Acpo ought to be subject to some sort of independent body to make sure my sort of scepticism is ill-founded.

"There's no doubt their discussions are very sensitive and confidential, but I would expect suitably vetted people to be able to sit in and challenge what is being decided."

The county contains high-profile potential targets for terrorists, including its ports, airports and cross-Channel train services.

In 2007, five men were jailed for life after planning to use a giant fertiliser bomb to blow up Bluewater shopping centre.

Mr Gilmartin's comments come as Acpo faces questions about its own future and whether it is the right body to oversee Britain's police forces. The organisation is a

private company governed by a board of directors. It is funded by the Home Office, contributions from each of the 44 police authorities and membership subscriptions. Mr Gilmartin added that while the reduction in posts comes as no surprise given the economic climate, he was concerned nonetheless.

He said: "It appears the people who make these decisions have focused too much on tackling terrorism in inner-city areas, when the ports still need to be fully protected.

"There's no huge city in Kent, but we do have a large frontier to police. Thankfully we're not looking at a huge reduction this year, so we're disappointed but not quite ready to go to war."

Newspaper reports said Acpo had cut Kent's anti-terrorism funding because the force was spending some of it on community support officers, who deal with minor offences but have no powers of arrest. However, the police say

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EXCLUSIVE: The mystery man who is suspected of being Top Gear's the Stig could be signing for a Kent motor racing team this week

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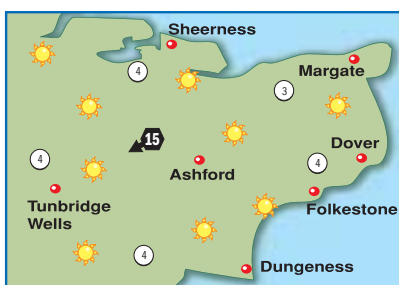
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Kent today



TODAY: A bitterly cold start with a widespread frost. Then it is going to be generally dry with lots of sunshine. Moderate to brisk north-easterly winds. Max temp 2-5C (36-41F). **TONIGHT:** It will be largely dry with prolonged clear spells and a widespread frost. Min temp -4 to -1C (25-30F).

Around Britain

		°C	°F			°C	°F
Aberdeen	fair	8	46	London	sun	7	45
Belfast	sun	7	45	Liverpool	sun	7	45
Birmingham	sun	5	41	Manchester	sun	6	43
B'mouth	sun	6	43	Newcastle	sun	7	45
Bristol	sun	5	41	Norwich	sun	4	39
Cardiff	sun	6	43	Oxford	sun	6	43
Cork	fair	6	43	Southsea	sun	7	45
Edinburgh	fair	7	45	Sh'ampton	sun	6	43
Glasgow	fair	7	45	Southport	sun	6	43
Isle of Man	sun	6	43	Swansea	sun	7	45
Leeds	sun	6	43	Torquay	sun	5	41

Sun & moon

Sunrise	6.28am	Sunset	5.46pm	Lighting up times:
Moonrise	1.54am	Moonset	9.13am	5.46pm to 6.26am

High Tides

	today	tomorrow
	ht (m)	ht (m)
Dover	03.12 6.1 15.40 5.7	04.11 5.6 16.45 5.3
Margate	04.11 4.5 16.42 4.1	05.03 4.1 17.41 3.9
St Mary's	09.03 4.6 21.33 4.5	10.03 4.2 22.48 4.2

Week ahead

monday Sunny but windy. max 6C min -1C	thursday Cloudy but dry. max 9C min 0C
tuesday Fairly cloudy. max 7C min -1C	friday A little drizzle. max 9C min 1C
wednesday A light shower. max 8C min 0C	saturday Light rain. max 9C min 1C

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'No suggestion cash not used correctly'

FROM FRONT PAGE

the cash was actually being spent on community liaison officers, six of whom support the anti-terrorism unit by gathering intelligence on the streets.

Mr Gilmartin said he was responsible for signing off the funding and was confident the money had been spent in the right way.

Assistant Chief Constable Andy Adams reiterated that anti-terrorism funding had never been used to pay for part-time community officers.

He said: "The force's response to terrorism covers a number of areas and there is no suggestion this money has not been used correct-

ly. It is very important to emphasise that we are in a unique position because Dover is the gateway to Europe and one of the world's busiest ports.

"That means we have an international responsibility for the safety of more than 13 million people who pass through there every year.

"Part of our counter-terrorism strategy involves work within our communities both to raise awareness of any potential threats and to gain information.

"The force's response to terrorism also has a number of other aspects, including the delivery of policing in neighbourhood areas."

Mr Adams said the annual bidding process was intended to reflect the terrorism threat to specific parts of the country, and that while funding for Kent's ports, airports and railways had been reduced this year, the force had received extra cash in other areas.

An Acpo spokesman said: "On behalf of the Home Office, Acpo TAM's role is to provide these funds to police forces to be spent on counter-terrorism and national security work.

"Within that area, each force is best placed to decide how these resources should be deployed in the most cost-effective and efficient way."

E.ON claim reignites coal power worries

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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ENERGY giant E.ON has refused to deny fresh claims it will receive Government funding for a proposed new coal-fired power station at Kingsnorth.

Despite shelving its plans for the site on Medway's Hoo Peninsula until at least 2012, the German firm is still in the running to receive public cash to develop technology for storing harmful carbon dioxide emissions.

And according to a report in the Financial Times, Kingsnorth is also on the verge of being awarded a figure "in the low tens of millions of pounds" to draw up detailed plans for the technology first.

Recession

The expected announcement comes as a blow to environmentalists who believed E.ON had given up on coal last October, when the firm announced it was delaying the plans due to a lack of demand for electricity in the recession.

Natalie Swift is an activist with the Camp for Climate Action, which was responsible for organising the controversial Kingsnorth protests of summer 2008.

She said: "We're certainly of the mind that the Government and large corporations are more concerned about commercial interests than finding solutions for climate change.

"We've seen persistent failures on their parts to learn the lessons and put what's good for the world before what's good for money,



CONTROVERSY: Kingsnorth power station

and I'm afraid we're going to see this happen time and time again."

Nathan Argent, senior energy campaigner at Greenpeace, said: "There's still no guarantee that another coal-fired power station at Kingsnorth wouldn't belch out huge amounts of pollution long into the future."

According to the FT, the announcement of the funding could be made by Energy and Climate Change Secretary Ed Miliband as early as this week.

Carbon capture and storage (CCS) technology is seen as essential if the country wishes to continue burning coal for electricity while meeting government targets on greenhouse gas emissions.

However, Kent Green Party spokesman

Steve Dawe said that even if E.ON does receive cash to draw up CCS plans, it is still some way off being able to build a new coal-fired power station.

He said: "Agreements made in Copenhagen could end up changing the policy on large plants that produce large quantities of carbon dioxide, so it's unlikely a new one would be built before E.ON knows for sure.

"But there's also the issue that no-one knows how much CCS technology will cost or what difficulties may arise.

"There are still unanswered questions about what carbon capture actually means, how exactly it is stored and how the firms can guarantee it won't go back into the environment."

Pipeline

The other firm rumoured to be receiving funding for its CCS plans is Scottish Power – owned by Iberdrola of Spain – for its Longannet plant in Fife, Scotland.

Meanwhile, E.ON announced this week that it had finalised an environmental scoping report for a new pipeline beneath Medway capable of carrying 24 million tonnes of carbon dioxide per year to the North Sea gas fields.

The firm believes the structure could cope with emissions from two Kingsnorth-sized power stations and three smaller gas-fired ones.

A planning application is expected to be submitted by the end of the year, with a series of public exhibitions due to be held across the Hoo Peninsula from April 26.



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Seven years for bus driver who ran down and killed builder

A BUS driver has been jailed for more than seven years after running a man over in a narrow street, **writes Anna White.**



Christopher Eggleton

Arriva bus driver Christopher Eggleton, of Dales Street, Chatham, ran over Martin Barlow after the man came to complain about his Mitsubishi Trojan pick-up being hit by passing buses.

Father-of-four Eggleton, 46, drove off and Mr Barlow, 30, went under the bus, watched by residents in Catherine Street, Rochester, where he had lived.

The jury at the trial of spent almost a day considering charges of manslaughter and causing death by dangerous driving.

After deciding on a guilty verdict for the more serious charge of manslaughter, the jury did not have to come to a verdict on the dangerous driving charge. After the verdict, Mr Barlow's father, Simon, stood outside the court and read a prepared statement.

He said: "The death of Martin has left our family devastated. It has brought us closer together, but we will never be the same again."

The judge, Mr Justice Akenhead, said: "This was a tragic case. He was a popular man, not prone to anger. He wasn't drunk or out of control."

The judge said Eggleton should have stopped and calmed the situation down, as a previous driver done when stopped by Mr Barlow.

The court heard that Mr Barlow had his hands against the windows to stop the driver as the bus moved forward, but as he turned to walk away, Eggleton sped up.

The judge said the Barlow family had shown great dignity: "Whatever prison sentence I give will not ease the pain felt by Martin's family and friends."

He sentenced Eggleton to seven-and-a-half years in jail and banned him from driving for seven years. His victim was dragged 450 metres along the street underneath the six-and-a-half tonne Arriva bus Eggleton was driving, on July 3, last year.

Mr Barlow died as result of extensive fractures to his skull and spine. Tests revealed the builder was three times over the drink-drive limit, but witnesses said he wasn't drunk.

Witness Lewis Bennett, 16, was in Catherine Street when he saw Mr Barlow in the middle of the road banging his hands on the front window of the bus.

The teenager said: "He put his hands to stop the vehicle and it kept coming. He was sucked underneath it and dragged along the road."

"There were lots of people screaming and crying and being sick. It was horrible to see a man get killed like that."

Jealous murderer locked up for life

A JEALOUS lover has been jailed for life for murdering the elderly friend of his ex-wife.

David Alberto, 32, of Albert Street, Ramsgate, stabbed 64-year-old John Joyce 11 times in the chest, back and abdomen at his home in Conyngham Close, Ramsgate.

He denied murder but was found guilty by a jury at Maidstone Crown Court and was sentenced on Thursday.

Det Insp Lee Whitehead said: "The level of violence displayed was shocking."

Oh-la-la! Robert's ready for a little pump action

THE trustees of an old pump house which is being used to film a steamy orgy scene with Twilight heart-throb Robert Pattinson said they had no idea the shoot would be so raunchy, **writes Chris Murphy.**

Film company Redwave Films is taking over the Crossness pumping station in Erith for three days of filming next week.

Pattinson is starring in Bel Ami, and plays lothario reporter Georges Duroy who sleeps his way to the top of the business and seduces wealthy women.

Kill Bill star Uma Thurman is also on the cast list, as his wife, in the film based on the classic novel by Guy de Maupassant.

And Christina Ricci stars as Clotilde de Marelle, alongside Kristin Scott Thomas, both of whom fall under his spell. The crew have been on site for 10 days preparing the sets and will spend three days taking it all down again.

The orgy scene will take place in a Parisian café being created in the Victorian landmark that will be open to the public later this year.

Pattinson, 23, who has also starred in Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix, said: "There is a lot of sex."

He told movie bible Variety: "It's a totally amoral character. In Paris, everybody was just going nuts. It was like the 1980s. Sex was a kind of a weapon and a tool, and it's odd." Of the sex scenes, he said "there's something very mercenary about it in a lot



VICTORIAN RELIC: Crossness pumping station will host Robert Pattinson, inset, and other movie stars during the filming of saucy movie *Bel Ami*



of ways". The station was opened by the Prince of Wales in 1865 and is undergoing renovation helped by lottery funding, government money and £20,000 from the film company.

The station was built to pump London's sewage into a reservoir before it was discharged into the Thames at high tide. The station houses the largest rotative beam engines in the world, built by James Watt and Sons, but these will be covered up by the film set.

Both the building and the cast-iron machinery are being restored to their former glory by the Crossness Engines Trust and the station is open to the public by appointment before its general opening this year.

Pump station trustee Mike Jones had no idea there was going to be a romp on site.

He said: "I am on the set for one of the

days, so that should be interesting. It is so cold in here I can't think anyone would want to perform something like that.

"I'm sure it will all be done in the best possible taste. I'd no idea what they were going to film, only that it was a Parisian café."

The station is being transformed into a 19th century French dining room to shoot the scene. One source said: "It will be tastefully done with lots of candlelight and lace, but it will be the sexiest thing Robert's ever been seen in and will get his female fans even more excited."

A spokesman for the film said: "It will be really great fun filming in Kent. This is a great location."

The movie is due out next year.

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Railway smoker jailed for attack

A MAN who pushed a woman onto a railway after she complained about him smoking has been jailed for four years.

Ionel Rapisca, 33, of Joyce Green Lane, Dartford, was found guilty of grievous bodily harm at Maidstone Crown Court for pushing 59-year-old Linda Buchanan off the platform at Farningham Road station on August 6, 2008.

She suffered a broken wrist and bruising after landing on the track, close to the 750-volt live rail.

Ms Buchanan, who also suffered post-traumatic stress, said she was delighted with the result. The judge said Rapisca would serve half his sentence in prison and the remainder on licence.

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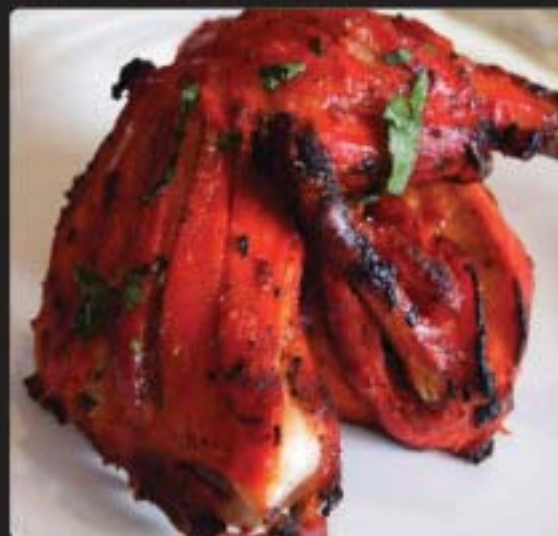
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Slimming for money plan could tackle rising obesity

EXPERTS have said paying obese people to lose weight could be the way forward in Britain's incentive-driven culture.

The claim comes as health chiefs analyse results of a pilot scheme run by NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent to see if money really can motivate slimmers.

The trial was carried out with private company Weight Wins, founded by former financial analyst Winton Rossiter, who believes cash incentives could drive obesity figures down.

His organisation provides its Pounds for Pounds initiative to private patients, independent of the NHS, where overweight people can make more than £1,000 over two years just for shedding the pounds.

But it was trialled as one of several weight loss schemes by NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent to try and tackle the growing problem of obesity.

Mr Rossiter said: "Let's recognise that we live in an incentive culture. We work to earn a wage, we shop at certain places and buy certain products to collect points, so why not earn rewards for doing something positive for yourself?"

Private

"Secondly, Weight Wins isn't just about the money; what people are really buying is the motivation to succeed and a structure for success – mostly focused on the monthly weigh-in."

The Weight Wins project offers private patients up to £1,750 over two years to encourage them to diet and exercise.

During the NHS pilot, rewards ranged from £70 for shifting 15lb to £425 for losing 50lb and keeping it off for six months.

Andy Scott-Clark, deputy director of public health at NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent, said the health trust was looking at the results alongside a range of other weight loss initiatives.

"We will carry out a full evaluation and make an announcement later in the year," he said. "The pilot is one of a range of initiatives we are examining to help combat rising obesity."

The private Weight Wins scheme does not provide diet guidelines, but members are encouraged to fill in a daily tick sheet for healthy eating and exercise patterns.

The lack of diet plan has led some to question whether leaving people to choose their own methods of dieting is a health risk.

Results, excluding the NHS pilot scheme outcome, showed the average weight loss of members in one year is 18.2lb.

MP pays tribute to Michael Foot

GILLINGHAM and Rainham MP Paul Clark has paid tribute to former Labour Party leader Michael Foot, who died on Wednesday aged 96.

Transport minister Mr Clark said: "It was only at the weekend that I was standing in Gillingham Labour Club in Twydall Lane, looking at the plaque which commemorates the moment in 1982 when Michael visited the constituency to open an extension."

"He was the leader of our party at a very difficult time but was recognised for his intellect and witty speaking style – a hallmark of his parliamentary career which spanned 47 years."

"He was also an extremely warm-hearted and kind man, and will be sorely missed."

Mr Foot – who had been ill for some time and had been receiving 24-hour care – died shortly before 7am at his home in Hampstead, north London.



RAINY DAY PLAN:
Officials hope planning ahead will help avoid scenes like this

Bolstering our flood defences

EMERGENCY planners have drawn up Kent's most detailed flood response document ever, amid fears of rising sea levels, storms and sinking landmasses, *writes Steve Knight.*

In response to the 2007 floods that caused catastrophic damage throughout the UK, council officers have compiled a comprehensive report to ensure the county is fully prepared for any future deluge.

The plan – which will be regularly updated on KCC's intranet site – includes information on risk assessments, which locations are most likely to flood, the role of the emergency services, how to warn and rescue people, and more.

Senior emergency planning officer Tony Harwood, who compiled the report, told KOS Media it was important the flooding threat was taken seriously.

He said: "Across the various agencies in Kent, we have planned for flood risk for many years. However, experience from the summer 2007 floods of Sheffield, Hull, Gloucestershire and elsewhere really focused our minds that the planning needed to be stepped up a level."

"The Environment Agency (EA) has identified 70,000 households in the county that are potentially vulnerable to either fluvial [river/stream] or coastal flooding, so we need to be prepared to protect them."

"It's not good enough to come up against problems during a flood event, we need to do the proper planning. A flood plan does already exist, but this is a far more sophisticated document."

Response

Mr Harwood said the plan was drawn up in response to a report on the 2007 floods by former KCC chief executive Sir Michael Pitt, who is now chairman of the national Infrastructure Planning Commission.

Sir Michael put forward 92 recommendations for local authorities to take into account when drawing up flood response agendas, which Mr Harwood said the county council had done.

He added: "We are seeking to get ahead of the game on the planning, which will soon become enforced by legislation under the forthcoming flood and water management bill."

"The February, 1953, floods along the eastern coast of England affected Kent, and people will remember the River Medway flooding Tonbridge and Maidstone in 2000."

"Both impacted the county significantly, so it's important we learn the lessons."

According to the EA, one in six homes in England is at risk of flooding from rivers, the sea or overflowing drains, and that investment in the building and maintaining of flood defences will need to almost double to £1 billion a year by 2035.

Earlier this year a joint report by the

Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE) and the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) warned that parts of Kent's coastal towns could be lost within 90 years unless radical measures to improve sea defences were taken.

Mr Harwood said: "I absolutely agree our resilience to flooding needs to be enhanced and we need to be pragmatic. But engineers and district councils are working to ensure the defences are up to it."

The flood response plan is included on the agenda for the flood risk management committee meeting on Tuesday.

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Savouring sweet taste of victory

CONSUMER passion for Kent-produced food and drink resulted in a thrilling Taste of Kent 'Oscars' evening at Leeds Castle, near Maidstone.

Public nominations were up by an incredible 89 per cent on the previous year, leading to 36 finalists spread across retailers, restaurants, pubs and farmers' markets, contesting just 12 awards.

Julie Monkman, of organiser Produced in Kent, said the finalists were not only "Growing, producing or working with local ingredients, but are helping revive and maintain traditional Kentish food and drink and centuries-old production methods, but with a razor-sharp 21st century edge. They can all feel very proud of what they have achieved."

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THE INTERVIEW

BY JANE CONNOLLY

Nikki's power of charisma

A LITTLE self-belief is all it takes to become a happier and more confident person, according to Nikki Owen.

Considered the UK's leading expert on charisma and confidence, the Kent-based guru has been studying the power of personality for more than 30 years.

This week her skills are called upon in a new television series, *Kitchen Sink To Catwalk*, in which six ordinary women – all aged over 40 – are transformed into potential fashion models.

In this week's episode Owen leads the women through her life-changing seminar, *Audience With Charisma*, at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre in London, where they learn how to tackle the emotional and psychological issues that might be holding them back in life.

"The amazing thing was that they were all very attractive women," she said.

"It was quite surprising that many of them didn't have a lot of self-belief and they were putting themselves down a lot. I want the programme to convey to women the impact their thoughts and words have on their physical bodies."

Based in Sevenoaks, Owen's company specialises in helping people from all walks of life achieve greater confidence and access their own hidden qualities.

"The reason it's called *Audience With Charisma* is because my belief is that everyone has charisma inside them, but the business of life forces them to put on layers of protection," Owen, 49, said.

"They put a wall up that blocks their own charisma and confidence. I call it the authen-



WORLD'S A STAGE: Owen outside Shakespeare's Globe Theatre

NIKKI OWEN: 'Everyone has charisma inside them, but they put up a wall that blocks their confidence'

tic power that captivates the hearts and minds of others. When people are being

absolutely themselves and doing what they love, they feel confident."

Owen was born in Bexley and now lives in Aylesford, but her seminars take place all over the country. Helping other people to overcome their insecurities has been her passion, but her life might have turned out very differently. "When I was 18, I was so shy I

could barely look people in the eye," she said.

"But I was involved in a case at the Old Bailey and when I saw the defence barrister and the power of his presence, I witnessed the fact that one man's charisma had the power to change legal history.

"As someone who had no qualifications or confidence, I took my inspiration from this man and I wanted to find out if it was possible to learn to be charismatic, or if it was something you are born with.

"I've had a personal mission for the last 30 years and this is a culmination of that work."

From high-powered professionals to people who have been made redundant, Owen believes she can help anyone who wants to improve their confidence.

"If you can help people with their mindset, so they start believing in what's possible and are motivated to do it, they can learn the skill and find a way to use it."

Nikki Owen can be seen in *Kitchen Sink To Catwalk* on the BIO channel at 9pm on Tuesday.

Find out more about her seminars online at www.audiencewithcharisma.com.

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On track for a dispute

Petition demands return to old rail timetable

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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HUNDREDS of angry commuters have added their names to a petition demanding a review of Southeastern's controversial new timetable.

The rail operator promised more choice and less overcrowding when the firm unveiled its new schedule last December.

It said the move was its biggest shake-up in more than 40 years, but passengers claim the service is now worse than ever.

Calls for the Government to order a review of the changes have so far fallen on deaf ears, convincing one commuter to take matters into his own hands.

Accounts manager John Nicholson, 42, from Herne, set up a petition on the Downing Street website in an attempt to force the issue, and so far more than 800 passengers have pledged their support.

Mr Nicholson said: "It's more than a minor inconvenience when you're late into work every day and letting your colleagues down, especially at a time when lots of people's jobs are at stake."

"It's causing me a lot of stress and I found myself shouting at my kids more and snapping at my wife when I come home again."

"Even when things were really bad under (previous rail operator) Connex, I didn't feel compelled to start a petition. But I can tell

from talking to other passengers that there's a palpable anger about the level of service we're receiving."

When the new timetable was unveiled in early December, Southeastern said it would provide passengers with more than 200 extra trains per day and boost capacity by five per cent.

The revamp coincided with the launch of High Speed 1 (HS1), which for an extra £8 per journey provides London commuters with quicker journey times than ever before.

However, Mr Nicholson said the service was underused because the higher speeds are only used on the north Kent line once the trains reach Ebbsfleet.

Reinstated

He added: "We've been told it might take up to three years for the problems to settle down, but that's not good enough. We want the old services reinstated because we don't see a need for HS1 on the north Kent line."

North Thanet MP Roger Gale is also opposed to the new timetable, but his request for a meeting with Transport Secretary Lord Adonis was refused.

However, Mr Gale has successfully secured time in the House of Commons for an adjournment debate on the issue.

He said: "This creates the opportunity for us to nail some of the fictions about the length of journey times and the costs of so-called high-speed travel for passengers."

A Southeastern spokesman said: "All new timetables take time to bed in and we are reviewing the performance."

"We had hoped to be able to do this earlier but this process has been delayed until we have had a period of good weather and normal running."

"While recently some of our services have disappointed us, since 2006 when we took over the franchise the punctuality of trains has risen from 86 per cent to 90 per cent."

"We are continuing to work hard with Network Rail and hope that over the coming weeks passengers will notice a difference."

You can sign Mr Nicholson's petition at petitions.number10.gov.uk/setrainservices.



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Ancient castle wall falls in heavy rain

THE wall of an historic castle has crumbled following last weekend's heavy downpours. The collapsed curtain wall which surrounds Rochester Castle was discovered by staff on Monday morning. No-one was injured when the structure fell and the area has been taped off.

English Heritage said a site visit had been arranged to assess the damage and to advise Medway Council about the incident.

The main castle remains open to visitors.

Rape charges 22 years after attack

POLICE have charged a man after a rape that took place in Kent almost 22 years ago.

James Robertson, 57, from Lancashire, was arrested on Monday and appeared before Canterbury magistrates on Thursday charged with rape, indecent assault, unlawful imprisonment and assault occasioning actual bodily harm. The attack took place in the city on August 20, 1988.

Robertson was remanded in custody until March 22.

Nicholas Axon

IN LAST week's edition of KoS and on www.kentnews.co.uk we reported on the sentencing of pensioner Nicholas Axon.

In the story we reported the 60-year-old, from Charing in Ashford, was jailed for 18 months for 23 child porn offences, including the distribution of indecent images, and we stated 2,695 images were at level five, depicting sadism and bestiality.

The 2,695 images were in fact at the lower end of the scale at level one, and 60 were at level five.

We are happy to set the record straight.

Pictures: Mike Taylor



The real lynx

Vanished breeds could be returning

By **MARIJKE COX**

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ECOLOGISTS at one of Britain's largest national parks are considering reintroducing lynx into the Kent countryside.

The big cat could be one of a range of species brought back centuries after they first disappeared, with beaver and the common crane the other popular candidates.

Released

Beavers have already been reintroduced to a reserve near Sandwich, but experts from the Cairngorms National Park believe this can be extended across other parts of the county.

And Eurasian lynx, which became extinct in the UK around 1,000 years ago, could become a more common sight if they are brought over from continental Europe and released into the wild.

Dr Daniel Hetherington, one of the ecologists behind the report, said lynx could help keep populations of deer down.

"Lynx are able to live in quite small and densely populated areas and can control populations of deer," he said.

"Another possible candidate would be beaver. There is already a scheme running in Kent, in Ham Fen, to see the environmental impact they would have.

"Beaver can manage wetland reserves and create new habitats for wildlife. They can also reduce flooding by building dams."

Birds including the Eurasian or common crane have also been outlined as potential species for Kent.

Dr Hetherington said: "This draft report is in response to a national park consultation where a question was raised about whether certain species could be reintroduced to Britain.

"The report was driven by what economic and ecological benefits could arise through a national initiative like this."

Experts backing the report believe lynx would draw in tourists as well as protect woodland by controlling deer numbers.

Fears of attacks on humans by the big cat were rebuffed by wildlife experts, who claim they are no danger to people.

Peter Smith, chief executive of the Wildwood Trust in Herne Bay, said: "There have been no casualties by lynx – they're not dangerous.

"You wouldn't want to antagonise one, but they don't attack humans.

"They would be an excellent addition to Kent.



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effect

There are deer all over the county and they are affecting bio-diversity.

"Lynx don't necessarily eat all the deer, but spread them out, which allows woodland re-growth."

Mr Smith also stressed how beneficial it is to have beavers reintroduced to the county, with a pilot scheme – jointly run by Wildwood and the Kent Wildlife Trust – already underway near Sandwich.

The creatures were hunted to extinction for their pelts in the UK in the 16th century.

Mr Smith said: "Beavers are so important for the countryside. They create wetlands and habitats for other wildlife."

"Wetlands act as a flood defence and can protect homes. They could save us hundreds of millions of pounds in flood defences."

"Beavers also help purify the water through managing the wetland, which filters out all the nasty fertilisers and chemicals."

Mr Smith said reintroducing beavers has come up against opposition from farmers who believe the animals could damage their crops, with damming causing flooding.



COMEBACK: Far left, the European lynx; left the beaver; and above cranes could be reintroduced to the Kent countryside

Horses facing slaughter unless cash can be raised

FIFTY abused and neglected horses could be shot if the owners of a refuge fail to raise enough money to buy their rented farm.

So desperate is their plight that Sara and Alan Ross, who run The Horse Refuge in Wittersham, near Tenterden, are turning to KoS readers for help.

"We desperately need to find the money before April," said Mrs Ross.

"No amount is too small – we're not expecting one person to give us a massive amount of cash, we just need everybody to chip in."

Mrs Ross, who launched the sanctuary in 1995, needs to raise £600,000 to buy Dobells Farm, where they run the refuge, which is being sold by their landlord in April.

Thanks to generous donations, including an undisclosed amount from music mogul Simon Cowell, £215,000 has been raised.

But an eviction notice was issued last week, giving Mr and Mrs Ross just six weeks to stump up the rest of the money or face losing their home, their horses and the other 30 animals they look after.

"Many of the horses have been abused or neglected and can't travel or be re-homed," said Mrs Ross.

"A lot of them will lose their lives if we don't find this money, but we're struggling. We only have a small amount of time left."

"The refuge is needed, especially at the moment when there have been problems with people abandoning their horses because they can't afford to keep them."

"Just the other night one was left shackled



STAYING POSITIVE: Sara Ross needs to raise £600,000 by April to buy Dobells Farm

to our fence – it was like skin and bone. We had to work through the night to make room for it as we're so full up."

X Factor judge Cowell contacted Mrs Ross in December and urged his friends to donate to the charity instead of buying him Christmas presents.

And other celebrities, including Heather McCartney, the eldest daughter of Beatle Paul and his late wife Linda, are also helping.

The refuge is home to one of Heather's mother's horses, so she is desperate to help.

She said: "It is a truly wonderful sanctuary where no living creature faces persecution."

"I believe that no other sanctuary is able to care for them in the same way, as Sara has

painstakingly regained their trust."

One of the sanctuary's famous residents is Duke, Europe's tallest horse standing at about 6ft 7in. But his future remains uncertain following problems with his leg.

Mrs Ross said: "I don't know what's going to happen to him. He is unable to travel."

Mrs Ross, who worked in Parliament for Lord Houghton of Sowerby before changing her career path, fears there is not enough time to raise all the funds.

"We're trying to do all we can," she said. "It's difficult to stay positive but we have to for the sake of the animals."

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Gills film's debut win

Comedy a hit with reviewers – and Geoff Hurst

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A SEQUEL could be in the pipeline for Gillingham FC comedy film *The Shouting Men* after a series of glowing reviews.

Described by one national newspaper as "football's Full Monty", the flick about a group of travelling supporters received its nationwide cinema release this week.

Welcoming

Speaking after a glittering West End premiere attended by the likes of World Cup legend Sir Geoff Hurst, producer Warren Llambias – who also has a starring role in the film – told KOS Media that public response will determine if there is a follow-up.

He said: "I'd definitely like to film in Kent again. We had a great time down there, and (Gills chairman) Paul Scally and the club were very welcoming to us."

"There might be a follow-up. It depends on how well it does at the cinema. If it's a success we might be put under pressure to come up with a sequel."

The red carpet was rolled out for Tuesday night's premiere, which was attended by a host of minor celebrities including former Coronation Street star Sally Lindsay, ex-footballer and BBC pundit Mark Bright,



ROAD TRIP: The comedy follows a group of Gills supporters heading for Newcastle

and former EastEnders Billy Murray.

The majority of the Gillingham first-team squad were also present, alongside manager Mark Stimson.

Following the screening at the Odeon cinema in Leicester Square, an after-party hosted by Radio 5 Live presenter DJ Spoony was held at the Sound nightclub.

Mr Llambias said: "I missed most of the film because I was doing interviews, but I managed to catch about half an hour of it and it's much better to be able to see and hear how much the audience enjoys it."

"If we can make the everyday person laugh then we're happy. I was particularly pleased that Geoff Hurst liked it."

Mr Llambias wrote the film alongside Matt Daniel-Baker, who stars in the film as a disabled football hooligan.

The duo's next project is comedy/gangster movie *Under Offer*, about an estate agent dragged into the seedy drugs underworld.

Mr Llambias said: "It's really hard to raise money for a second film until people have seen the first. Hopefully people will go and watch *The Shouting Men* and the industry will sit up and think 'there's something about those guys'."

The Shouting Men can now be seen at cinemas across the country, including the Odeon in Chatham and the Showcase at Bluewater, certificate 15.

Princess Royal to open campus

PRINCESS Anne will visit Gillingham to officially open MidKent College's Medway Campus later this month.

During the inauguration ceremony on March 25 the Princess Royal will take a tour of the new £86 million campus, before meeting staff and students.

Princess Anne will also be invited to view archive photographs taken of her father, the Duke of Edinburgh, when he officially opened the College's Fort Horsted site in Chatham in 1955.



VISIT: Princess Anne

Hart work sold to help Gurkhas

AN AUCTION of artwork by Tony Hart has raised £3,837 for the Gurkha Welfare Trust.

The work was shown in the Tony Hart Retrospective exhibition at the Hazlitt Art Centre in Maidstone – the town where the Vision On presenter was born.

Mr Hart's daughter Carolyn selected a series of paintings and drawings for the show, which were then sold in a 'secret auction'.

Carolyn said: "That is just absolutely superb. I am thrilled and so pleased."

The Gurkha Welfare Trust was the charity chosen in memory of Mr Hart, who was a member of the Gurkha Rifles.

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Fatal police shooting lawful, rules inquest

By **MARIJKE COX**

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A DEPRESSED man shot dead by police officers after brandishing what they thought was an Uzi submachine gun was killed lawfully, an inquest has ruled.

The verdict was returned by jurors at Gravesend Coroners Court following a week-long inquiry into the death of Dayniel Tucker, from Adisham Green in Sittingbourne.

The 39-year-old was shot twice by two Kent firearm officers on Saturday, December 29, 2007, after pointing what appeared to be an Uzi submachine gun at police.

Despite later investigations revealing that it was a plastic airgun, a jury found the officers were justified in using lethal force against Mr Tucker.

After the hearing, Independent Police Complaints Commissioner Mike Franklin said the events of that day had had a lasting effect on everyone involved.

"Mr Tucker's family and friends lost a loved one in tragic circumstances and the firearms officers have to live with the fact that they shot and killed a man," he said.

Mr Franklin said: "Despite officers being equipped with tasers and baton rounds, the circumstances of this case did not allow them to create a situation where the



DEPRESSED: Dayniel Tucker was shot dead

use of less lethal weapons was an option."

Mr Tucker, a welder fabricator, suffered from depression and seasonal affective disorder, and had attempted suicide in the past.

The night before his death he had been drinking in the Black Horse pub in Stanstead, Sevenoaks, where a barmaid described him as "deeply sad".

The following day he called 999 at about 8.50am, saying there was a person on Tumblefield Road in Stanstead pointing a firearm at him. He then hung up.

Unarmed officers attending the scene searched for Mr Tucker and reported seeing a man with a "large bulge" in his top.

They contacted the force control room, also reporting a white Mitsubishi Colt – later dis-

covered to be Mr Tucker's – in a field with a hosepipe from the exhaust to the window.

When armed firearms officers arrived they shouted warnings to Mr Tucker, but he took what appeared to be an Uzi submachine gun out of his coat and pointed it at them.

Two officers fired their weapons, with one hitting him in the groin, and the other – the fatal shot – hitting him in the chest.

He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Mr Tucker was described by those who knew him as "a good man, a loving uncle and caring godfather".

His friend Joel Gifford attended the inquest and spoke to KOS Media.

"It was a bolt out of the blue – he was happy and had a lot going for him," he said.

"When I first met him 10 years ago while working at Medway Galvanising he was a bit overweight and down – he was on anti-depressants.

"But after losing touch for a couple of years, my wife bumped into him and he'd completely changed.

"He'd lost weight and he wasn't on anti-depressants anymore – he was really happy. "He liked a drink and smoked cannabis, but he went to work and paid the bills."

Mr Gifford admitted his friend became down six months before his death, but he moved closer to his sister and things were looking up.

Mr Gifford's wife Joanne added: "We are still struggling to understand what happened. We miss him."

Councillor denies favours in return for rent-free flat

A LEADING Canterbury city councillor lived rent-free for six years while using his position on planning committees to help a developer friend, a court heard.

Former Lib Dem deputy leader Roger Matthews owed £34,000 rent on a flat in Beltinge Road, Herne Bay, but never paid a penny, it was alleged.

Between May, 2002, and July, 2008, he was a member of Canterbury's development control committee.

He actively promoted development schemes on behalf of Hollamby Estates, run by his friend Julian Brearly, who was also his landlord, without declaring an interest, a court heard this week.

Arrears

Both men deny corruption charges at Maidstone Crown Court.

Anthony Haycroft, prosecuting, said Brearly told his agents to write off Matthews' rent arrears. At the time Matthews was a member of the city's executive and had known Brearly's family for a number of years.

He spoke in favour of a number of projects including a plan to build a 50-room hotel on land owned by Herne Bay Golf Club, of which Brearly was a director, and the plan was passed.

Mr Haycroft said: "The reason the rent was waived was to keep Cllr Matthews onside so he could help out with planning applications favourable to Mr Brearly.

"No proceedings were taken against Cllr Matthews for recovery of arrears.

"All the time Cllr Matthews was telling council officers he was 'squeaky clean'.

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The case continues.

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RESEARCH: New ways to tackle pests and diseases on fruit are being investigated

Scientists seek biological ways to beat fruit pests

RESEARCHERS from across the county have teamed up to tackle pests and diseases that are crippling the stone fruit industry.

Growers of cherries and plums will benefit from the new partnership, which aims to rid crops of aphids, brown rot and moths without the use of harmful pesticides.

The five-year research project will be undertaken by a consortium of experts at East Malling Research (EMR), the Medway-based Natural Resources Institute, the University of Kent at Canterbury, and the University of Warwick.

Consortium chairman John Leigh-Pemberton said: "There have been longstanding difficulties discouraging commercial growers of stone fruits, including pests, disease, an over-reliance on pesticides, and weather conditions leading to fruit splitting. "However, the effects of climate change and the development of new varieties are promising a much brighter future for reliable stone fruit production in the UK.

"We have resolved several issues and can overcome fruit skins splitting, so all that is left is tackling frequent pests and diseases

like more recent arrivals such as the light brown apple moth.

"We are now focusing on biological controls, reducing the environmental impact of growing these fruits, encouraging improved biodiversity and meeting consumer demand."

Rather than develop new pesticides, the research team is looking at ways of turning pests' lifecycles and habits against them.

For example, the scientists realised that aphids were often transported to tree shoots by common black ants, which took advantage of the honeydew they produced, so one method being investigated is to exploit the ants to carry fungi that is harmless to them but will attack the aphids.

Another pest that targets cherry crops is the light brown apple moth, which the team wants to beat by recreating its sex chemical.

The research project is supported through the Horticultural Link programme, a joint initiative between the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and the Chemicals Regulation Directorate. It is also being backed by a wide range of industry partners.

New bonds on anniversary of China tragedy

By **MARIJKE COX**

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TEN years ago this June, customs officers inspecting a lorry at Dover's Eastern Docks made the most gruesome discovery of their careers.

Instead of finding just boxes of tomatoes in the sealed container they were searching, they discovered the lifeless bodies of 58 Chinese illegal immigrants who had perished on the five-hour trip from Zeebrugge to Dover.

The victims had suffocated, with just two survivors able to tell the harrowing tale of how they desperately tried to claw their way out of the air-tight lorry on that fateful day of June 18, 2000.

Manslaughter

Less than a year later, in April, 2001, Dutch lorry driver Perry Wacker was found guilty of 58 charges of manslaughter and four counts of conspiracy at Maidstone Crown Court.

It was found he had closed the only air vent in the lorry to stop the immigrants being discovered.

Wacker was sentenced to 14 years and his co-accused Ying Guo, from Essex, was jailed for six years for conspiring to bring illegal immigrants into Britain.

Judge Alan Moses said the sentences could not truly reflect the tragedy of so many deaths.

The disturbing incident has since been used as an example to highlight the evil criminal gangs who make money out of people smuggling.

To mark the 10th anniversary, Kent Police's Medway area commander Chief Supt Steve Corbishley is visiting Foshan in China to meet his counterparts who worked on the case with the Kent force.

He was part of the massive police investigation that resulted in the conviction of Wacker.

Working closely with Chinese colleagues in the UK and in China, he was also able to help identify those who had lost their lives



LINKS: Chief Supt Steve Corbishley is in China on the anniversary of the tragedy

and returned the bodies to their families.

Chief Supt Corbishley said: "Whilst I'm in China I have the opportunity to meet Chinese colleagues who worked with me 10 years ago in a very traumatic investigation for everyone involved.

"I hope my visit will help build a strong relationship between the two locations allowing the development of business, educational and cultural exchange opportunities.

"Whilst I'm proud to represent Medway, there will be a feeling of sadness as I reflect on the investigation in Dover and those who lost their lives in such tragic circumstances 10 years ago."

High-tech X-ray machines and fibro-scope cameras are now used at Dover's Eastern Docks for detecting contraband.

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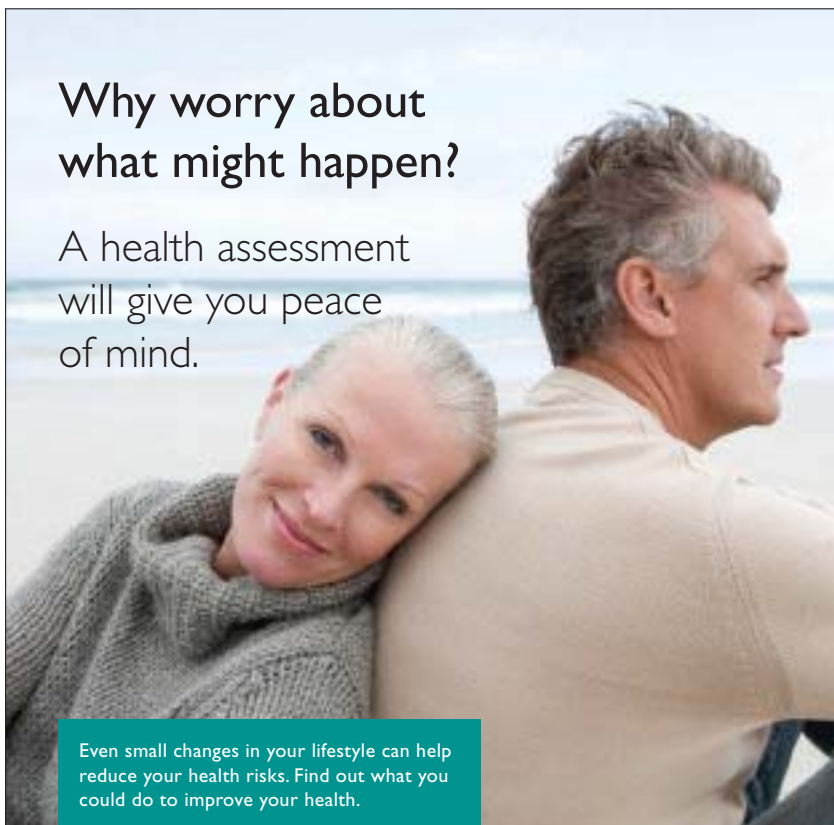
Similar technology, costing £15 million, is to be used in a pilot scheme in Calais to improve searches of vehicles and goods heading for Britain.

Chief Supt Corbishley, who is also chairman of the Medway Community Safety Partnership, will also be showing Chinese authorities the work being carried out to tackle crime in the UK as part of his visit.

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Credit scheme to help beat the loan sharks

A COUNTY-wide credit union providing a safer alternative to loan sharks has finally been launched, more than four months later than originally forecast.

Kent Savers has been ready to begin trading since the end of October, but has only just been given the green light by the Financial Services

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Authority, which has been accused of being overly cautious in the wake of the recession.

The union – which is a non-profit making body offering loans of between £500 and £5,000 – was officially launched at the Little Pebbles children's centre in Gravesend, on Thursday.

Chief officer John Fowler said the location had been specifically chosen to show families on low incomes that there is an alternative to borrowing money from loan sharks.

He added: "Kent Savers is for everyone. We will have investment plans and loan rates which are competitive and we welcome people on low incomes.

"We have a responsibility to focus on people in deprived areas, where the benefits of the credit union can be most pronounced.

"This is extra income which can either be saved or reinvested within the community. "There are a large number of people who are financially excluded in Kent."

Earlier this year Kent Trading Standards revealed it had failed to secure a single loan shark conviction in the previous 12 months, blaming it on borrowers being too scared to come forward and give evidence.

Such lenders often charge exorbitant interest rates but the new credit union – which operates out of Gravesend's Old Town Hall but is accessible throughout the county – offers a fixed rate interest of 27 per cent.

It will also provide a bill payment service and flexible and secure saving plans.

The union is targeted at residents who cannot guarantee earnings or have no equity, and has been set up at a cost of £750,000.

Residents can access the Kent Savers union at one of seven Gateways – in Ashford, Dover, Maidstone, Tenterden, Margate, Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells. Visit www.kentsavers.co.uk or call 0300 456 9990.

Will Young show sells out in hours

TICKETS for Will Young's appearance at this year's Rochester Castle Concerts sold out within a few hours of going on sale on Monday.

The Brook and Central Theatre box offices and the Castle Concerts website were all inundated by an unprecedented demand as soon as tickets went on sale at 10am. Meanwhile hundreds of fans queued to book at the Visitor Information Centre in Rochester. Tickets for top girl band The Saturdays also went on sale and were selling fast.

Tickets also sold quickly for Status Quo, who will kick off this year's concerts on Wednesday, July 14. Will Young will perform for the first time in Medway on Thursday, July 15.

The Saturdays, also making their first visit, will take to the stage on Friday, July 16. The concert series will end in traditional style with the popular Castle Proms, performed by the Royal Philharmonic Concert Orchestra on Saturday, July 17.

£3.7m drug haul hidden on lorry

A BRITISH lorry searched at Dover's Eastern Docks is alleged to have contained drugs worth £3.7 million hidden inside oil drums stored on board.

The driver of the vehicle and a second man have been bailed without charge until August following the discovery of approximately 27kg of heroin, 180kg of amphetamine, 10kg of ecstasy and 160kg of cannabis. UK Border Agency officials stopped the lorry on Wednesday, February 24. Inquiries are continuing.

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'Gender is irrelevant for police service'



Det Supt Anne Brittain



Det Insp Tara Mitchell



Supt Ali Roden



Dr Vicki Harrington

TO MARK this Sunday's International Women's Day, Kent Police have pointed to the huge strides they have taken to improve their employment rates of women.

As of last month, Kent Police employed 1,036 female police officers and 1,984 female staff – in March, 1978, the force employed 230 female police officers.

Chief Constable Michael Fuller said: "A modern responsive police service needs a range of opinions and experience that only a balanced workforce can provide."

Variety

"Since 1978, we have increased the number of female officers by more than 350 per cent. Women work across a variety of roles, such as forensics, emergency response, firearms and investigation."

The first female officers weren't seen on Kent's streets until 1916, when two policewomen were appointed in Folkestone to deal with an increase in prostitutes as World War One servicemen gathered there, waiting to deploy to Europe.

By 1944, Barbara Mary Denis de Vitre became Kent's first female inspector and by 1946, Kent had a sergeant and 17 police constables who were female. In 1951 the first female detective was appointed.

Women usually left the force when they started their families. This changed in 1975 when the Sex Discrimination Act meant the Women's Police Service ceased as a separate body and all police roles were open to women.

Uniform was also an issue, but in the 1970s women were finally allowed to wear trousers, but only on night duty.

Women were eventually allowed to work past 2am on shifts and, by the 1990s, were receiving equal pay.

Today, Kent Police's female officers include one chief superintendent, five superintendents, 11 chief inspectors, 33 inspectors, 105 sergeants, 814 PCs and 67 student constables. The highest-ranking officer is Det Chief Supt Debbie Doe.

In September 2009, deputy Area Commander for North Kent, **Superintendent Ali Roden** flew to Seattle, America, to receive a prestigious award from the International Association of Women Police. She was awarded the Mary Jo Blahowski Leadership Award, after being crowned champion of the leadership category at the British Association for Women in Policing awards dinner in April 2009.

Supt Roden is a strong advocate for diversity-related issues and is the current Chair of the Kent Network of Women, an internal support group for all female members of staff.

She said: "After 22 years service, I can honestly say that policing as a career choice is a fantastic one. I will certainly look back on winning the Mary Jo Blahowski Leadership Award as a career-defining moment."

"The uniform was an issue and the changes were much welcomed. I no longer need an Inspector's permission to wear trousers if it's cold or snowing. I can't tell you how difficult it was to chase criminals and climb fences while wearing a skirt."

"Also, we now have flexible working policies, maternity and paterni-

ty provision, which benefit all staff."

Det Supt Anne Brittain, head of forensic science, said: "Life in the police force used to be very different for women. Couples could not live together and you had to have permission to get married and buy a house."

"I decided that if I was a police officer then I should do the same job as my male colleagues and not hide behind being a woman. While women are not as physically strong as men, they do have other advantages. As men did not generally hit female police officers, I was able to help diffuse incidents and negotiate more easily than my male colleagues."

Ability

Dr Vicki Harrington is the head of Corporate Development for the force, and the most senior female member of civilian police staff.

She said: "Kent Police is a really good environment to work in."

"I have not found it difficult being a woman working in the police service and I think gender is irrelevant. I think people have to demonstrate that they have the ability to do the job and can add value as an individual and as part of a team."

Det Insp Tara Mitchell is a career progression inspector at Kent Police College. The mother of two said: "I was the first part-time detective inspector to have an operational role and I helped pave the way in showing how part-time working can be successful if the right attitudes are adopted on both sides."

"It's a new path that is being trod, not just for Kent but all police forces and this is the key to progression of women professionally."

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Law of the jungle sees 'gorilla' tackle suspect

By **JENNY ARMSTRONG**

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A BANANA-toting hero in a gorilla suit swung into action when he saw a policewoman in trouble.

Andy Ingham, who was dressed up to help promote his new Canterbury gym Fit4Less to commuters, jumped in to help police catch a man they were chasing.

Mr Ingham, 30, said: "I was at Canterbury East, where the footbridge is as you come over to the train station from the city wall.

"We do 'gorilla marketing' for the gym, so one of us – that afternoon it was me – wears a gorilla suit and a green vest and we hand out grab bags with information, a free guest pass and a banana."

Chased

Unknown to Mr Ingham, police had been called to reports of a fight at the Tesco supermarket in Whitefriars just minutes before, at 3.20pm on Thursday, February 18.

Security guards were already chasing a man through the bus station and along the city wall.

The gym manager said: "We were just chatting to people when, all of a sudden, a police car tore up and a woman police officer jumped out. I had the gorilla suit on and my



GORILLA TACTICS: Gym manager Andy Ingham helped police apprehend a man

hands full of bags as well. The police woman ran up the bridge and there was this guy running over the bridge.

"The officer tried to arrest him, at which point he tried to resist – he grabbed her and slammed her into the side of the bridge.

"Then the man started running towards us and the officer shouted, 'assistance please'."

Police say the officer was pushed in the chest against the bridge railings, which are high above the busy Pin Hill dual-carriageway. The policewoman was not seriously hurt.

Mr Ingham said: "When you're in the gorilla suit it's quite hard to see. You have to hold someone's hand as you walk along, otherwise you fall over.

Apprehended

"If I'd been able to see I would have rugby-tackled him, but I also had my hands full of bags. So as he ran towards me I jumped in front of him and gave him a really good kick in the legs to try and trip him up so someone else could jump on him.

"He stumbled and nearly fell over and tried to run off down the road, at which point he was apprehended by the rest of the police officers and taken away."

Anyone who saw the fight at Tesco or subsequent events is asked to call police on 01227 868253; or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555111.

• **A 24-year-old man from Canterbury was arrested on suspicion of assault and resisting arrest.**

He was released on police bail and was due to return to the police station this weekend.

Helping fuel a cleaner future

ACADEMICS from the University of Kent have been commended for innovative work in reducing the environmental impact of fossil fuels.

The recognition came at the annual Rushlight awards, which celebrate British and Irish advancements in tackling the environmental challenges of the 21st century.

Work carried out at the university, led by Professor Yong Yan, means power stations can now obtain technology to automatically detect types and grades of fuel they are burning.



TEAM LEADER:
Prof Yong Yan

This means combustion conditions – or chemical reactions – are constantly optimised, resulting in a significant reduction in the greenhouse gas emissions.

So effective is the new technology – which was piloted on Didcot and Tilbury power stations – the university and industry experts are now looking to expand it globally.

Prof Yan, who is director of research and professor of electronic instrumentation at the school of engineering and digital arts, was delighted their work had been recognised.

"The Rushlight awards promote and celebrate the leading energy, resource and environmental technologies and innovations throughout the UK and Ireland," he said.

He added the technology has increasingly significant international potential with the growing use of biomass and other low-quality fuels for power generation.

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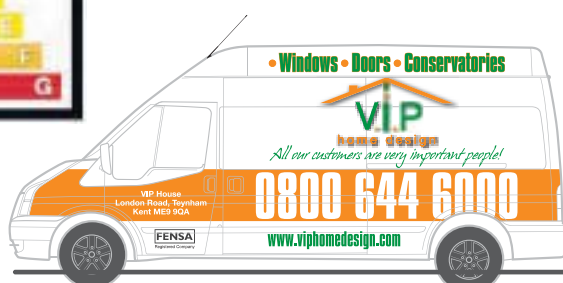


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Heroic Sikh Battle of Britain pilot tells of exploits in five theatres of war for RAF

Turban saved me when Nazis shot my plane down



SIKH AND DESTROY: Hurricane pilot Mohinder Singh Puji

AS THE 70th anniversary of the Battle of Britain approaches, a Sikh fighter pilot has told how his life was saved by the padding in his turban after he was forced to crash-land his aircraft near Dover, **writes Nick Ames.**

Squadron Leader Mohinder Singh Puji, one of the few Indian ace flyers in the RAF, crashed-landed after his plane was badly damaged in a mid-air skirmish.

But he managed to get his Hurricane down in one piece and the young flyer crash-landed near the White Cliffs of Dover, where rescuers pulled him from the wreckage, suffering from a bad head injury.

Sqdn Ldr Puji, now 91, said his specially-adapted turban headgear – a requisite of his religion – even had his RAF wings sewn onto it.

The turban acted as a cushion during the crash-landing, almost certainly preventing the young flyer's death.

He told of his daring wartime exploits ahead of the publication of his memoirs – *For King And Another Country* – later this year.

The RAF ace said: "The padding of my turban saved me. It was full of blood. I was taken to hospital, but after seven days was back to flying again.

"In the fight a German bullet smashed into my dashboard and all my instruments were gone. Oil was pouring out of the engine and covered the windscreen.

White Cliffs

"I radioed for directions back to the nearest landing strip. I could see the Channel beneath me and it looked so cold – I really didn't want to bail out. I could see the White Cliffs and thought I would make it – then the landing strip appeared, with fire engines around it.

"But as I put my landing gear down, fire took hold of the plane. Blood was pouring from my head, but the six feet of wound cloth of my turban saved me from worse impact injuries. People say, 'You claim this as you are a religious man', but I really think it was the case. The aircraft was a total wreck. I was dragged out and heard voices saying, 'He's alive, he's still alive'."

Sqdn Ldr Puji's turban was fitted so the earphones could go over the top – and he even carried a spare in his cockpit. He said: "I had a special strap made to hold my earphones. I used to carry a spare turban so I would have one if I got shot down. The Nazis created havoc. That's why I felt

I was fighting a just cause. I knew why war broke out and who Hitler was.

"Britain went to war to save Europe and I went to war for Britain. I saw the people here and had admiration for them."

Sqdn Ldr Puji is surrounded by wartime memorabilia at his home in Gravesend.

He signed up for military duty after responding to an advert declaring: 'Pilots needed for RAF' in an Indian newspaper.

After learning to fly in 1937, he was one of only eight pilots from the Empire colony deemed good enough for fighter duties.

Arriving in August, 1940, at the height of the Battle of Britain, the young officer flew countless missions against the Luftwaffe as German bombers and fighters flew sorties across southern England.

He said: "Every day was a question of life and death. Every flight we made we weren't sure we were going to come back. It's a job which can't easily be described, escorting convoys through the Channel, going over occupied countries looking out for enemies, escorting bombers and making intercept-



TOP GUN: Squadron Leader Mohinder Puji flew for the RAF in five theatres of war from 1940-45

tions. In one minute we would have to be strapped in and up in the air, ready to meet enemy fighters. This was three to four times a day, throughout six months."

He had another lucky escape when he was shot down by ground fire from Rommel's Afrika Korps in the western desert.

He said: "I didn't know what to do. I wasn't on fire, I didn't get hurt. I knew if I carried on north I would get to the Mediterranean, but any other direction I knew nothing.

Distinction

"I sat on top of my plane and after a while saw a cloud of dust. I didn't mind who was picking me up, Germany or Britain. I started waving my shirt and luckily it was the British."

In all Sqdn Ldr Puji saw action in five theatres of war – Europe, Africa, the Middle East, Palestine and Asia. He is the only man to hold that distinction.

He finished the war in Burma but was invalided out of the RAF suffering from tuberculosis. After the war he resumed his career with Shell Oil before running an aerodrome for the Indian government.

Sqdn Ldr Puji, who was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his bravery, made headlines last year after campaigning against the BNP. He was angered by party leader Nick Griffin's use of the wartime Spitfire to symbolise Britishness.

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Retailer joins bid to reduce waste

By **CHRIS MURPHY**

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NEGOTIATIONS between Marks & Spencer and Kent County Council to reduce waste being dumped are at an advanced stage.

The chain wants to slash the amount going into landfill sites. It has announced one initiative with Somerset and is expected to sign a deal with Kent later this year, it said.

There will be four local authority recycling partnerships in all.

It will enable councils to collect an extra 60,000 tonnes of recyclable material from six million people every year by 2015.

Kent Waste Partnership is in advanced talks with M&S.

These partnerships mark a significant step in delivering 'closed loop' recycling, as they will ensure that every year approximately 15,000 tonnes of packaging waste will be diverted back into food packaging and reused by M&S.

The remaining 45,000 tonnes will be sold to other packaging producers.

MARKS & SPENCER

KCC leader Cllr Paul Carter is also chairman of the Kent Partnership. He said: "By working with business to reduce the cost of packaging we are demonstrating our determination to provide residents with the best value for money."

Innovative

Cllr Nick Chard, chairman of the Kent Waste Partnership and Cabinet Member for Waste at KCC, added: "This project makes a direct link between the packaging that retailers sell and the cost of its collection from the doorstep. The Kent Waste Partnership and M&S are determined to make it succeed."

Consumers will see more materials like plastic food and drink packaging collected from outside their homes.

And for local authorities, the recycling capacity will be increased to ensure more recycling takes place.

Dr Helene Roberts, Marks &

Spencer's head of packaging, said: "This pioneering project will change the face of recycling in the UK."

The company is calling it Plan A.

Dr Roberts said: "Since the launch of Plan A in 2007 we've been making our packaging more sustainable. We've achieved a 16 per cent reduction in food packaging."

"To make more of our packaging with recycled content, we need more materials collected at the kerbside."

"We are tackling this by providing funding directly to the people who can make a difference – local authorities."

The plan has government backing too. Dan Norris, minister for rural affairs and environment, added: "Improvements in the management of packaging waste will require all parts of the chain to work collectively. This is a significant first step and I would encourage others to follow this lead."

• Waitrose has received an award for recycling waste food into energy from the Association for Organics Recycling.

The anaerobic digestion system means all stores in Kent send waste food to be converted in to energy and fed in to the national grid.

So far Waitrose has generated 400 MWhrs of electricity, enough to boil almost eight million kettles.

UNSIGNED:
Vivid Nation



Band's vivid win

KENT teenage band Vivid Nation have sailed through the audition stage of the Live and Unsigned competition.

Now the band has to compete against others from around the UK at live shows in the X Factor style contest. The winner could end up with a record contract.

Canterbury-based Vivid Nation formed just two months ago and the band are aged between 16 and 18.

Events director Chris Grayston said: "We've got some fantastic prizes up for grabs this year in a £60,000 prize pool."

The band is Rhys Taylor on vocals and rhythm guitar, Alex Porro on bass, Luke Welch playing lead guitar, and Jack Morgan-Payne on drums. They say their main influences are Stereophonics, Muse, Oasis, and Snow Patrol.

In the final they will be competing for two main prizes: a management contract with Future Music and the opportunity to design and develop their own clothing range with Extreme State.

The winners of 2010 will be thrust into the media spotlight and tour the UK doing around 100 shows, including some well-known festivals.

Vivid Nation made it through the auditions in Brighton from among hundreds who queued to impress the judges.

The band are now preparing for the live show on April 17 at The Hove Centre, Brighton, for the opportunity to progress to the Live and Unsigned festival at the O2 in London.

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Hand of God owes it all to the leather ball of Newell

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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ARGENTINA'S national football team will have a Kent man to thank should they win their third World Cup later this year.

Despite being one of the most powerful football nations on the planet, few people are aware that former Strood resident Isaac Newell was one of the first men to introduce a leather ball and a set of official rules to that part of South America.

More than 100 years later and his legacy still lives on in superstars such as Lionel Messi, Gabriel Heinze and current national team coach Diego Maradona – all of whom played for the club named in his honour, Newell's Old Boys.

Born to Joseph Newell and Mary Goodger on April 24, 1853, Isaac Newell grew up in Taylor's Lane, Strood, where he lived until he was 16, at which point he emigrated to Argentina.

After sailing to the city of Rosario in the province of Santa Fe,



CHAMPION: Diego Maradona's rise to World Cup winner and football genius included a stint with Newell's Old Boys

the teenager secured a job with the British-owned Central Argentine Railway after providing the firm with a letter of recommendation from his father.

Its administrator, William Wheelwright, allowed him to become a railroad telegraphist – using Morse code to help train drivers and operators communicate with one another – while simultaneously training to become a teacher. Newell married his German partner Anna Jockinsen in 1876, which was also the same year their first son Claudio was born.

After completing his teacher training, Newell bought a property in 1884 and founded his own school, the Colegio Comercial



RED AND BLACK: Newell's Old Boys are a top Argentine team. INSET: The club crest

Anglicano Argentino. That same year he procured one of the country's first leather balls and a set of official rules, and introduced sport as a part of the school's day-to-day syllabus.

The popularity of football increased dramatically as a result, and on November 3, 1903, a group of former students – including Newell's son Claudio – founded Newell's Old Boys in his honour. Later nicknamed the Lepers in reference to a leprosy charity match in the 1920s, the club even chose the colours of red (from the St George's Cross) and black (from the German flag) in recognition of Newell and his wife. The team has since won the Argentine championship five times as well as a friendly tournament in 1988 that also featured Manchester United, AC Milan, Juventus and Real Madrid. It has also produced such world-class performers as Gabriel Batistuta, Abel Balbo and Ariel Ortega.

However, Newell did not live to see any of his team's triumphs. He died on October 16, 1907, aged 54.



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Surgical giant earns a stamp of approval

ONE of Britain's most renowned scientists, who spent his retirement on the east Kent coast, is commemorated in a new set of Royal Mail stamps.

Joseph Lister went on to become Baron Lister of Lyme Regis for his work in medicine, particularly infections and antiseptics.

He built on the work of the famed Louis Pasteur and in 1867 developed liquids to sterilise surgical instruments.

He used phenol, known as carbolic acid, which until then was only used to mask the smell of sewage. He is widely regarded as one of England's greatest surgeons and promoted the idea of sterile surgery.

Previously surgeons believed infections were caused by 'poor air' and didn't clean themselves or their instruments before operations.

Lister discovered the use of carbolic acid to sterilise everything in an operating theatre, greatly reducing the number of infections, particularly gangrene.

He even used his new 'miracle liquid' to clean wounds, which again dramatically reduced the risk of infection. Lister also ordered a change of the material used to make surgical instruments, because wooden handles harboured bacteria.

When Lister retired from surgery he moved to his country house at Walmer Castle, near Deal, in 1893.

He served as a president of the Royal Society from 1895 to 1900. He died on February 10, 1912, in Walmer, aged 84.

Listerine mouthwash was named after Lister. His name was also lent to the listeria bacteria, which usually affects food.

He is one of 10 stamps featuring Royal Society figures, whose portraits are paired with dramatic and colourful imagery representing their achievements.

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By **CHRIS BRITCHER**

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AUSTRALIAN 80s heart-throb Jason Donovan made a flying visit to Bluewater this week.

And he admitted he's never worked harder in his long career as he prepares for another musical, the release of a new album, and hosting a weekly radio show.

The 41-year-old, who made his name in hit TV soap opera Neighbours before embarking on a remarkable career which saw him top the charts with a string of singles and then tread the boards in West End musicals, was helping launch the latest Australia brochure for travel firm Kuoni.

Hundreds of fans queued to get a glimpse of the performer, who chatted and signed autographs.

Donovan presents a regular Sunday night show on Heart – previously Invicta FM – and was joined at Tuesday's event by drive-time host Neil Kefford.

It was the start of a long day for the star. He is appearing in the musical Priscilla Queen of the Desert, in London's Shaftesbury Avenue, and is starting rehearsals for his role in the touring version of Jeff Wayne's War Of The Worlds.

It takes in a host of arena dates later this year and next – including a show at the O2 Arena in Greenwich.

Speaking exclusively to this newspaper, Donovan revealed what he believes is the secret to a career which has now stretched over 20 years.

He explained: "One could argue you need to have a little bit of talent to last this long. But you need a lot of luck along the way and I work very hard. I don't finish work today, for example, until 11.30pm.

"The essence of it is a love for the craft of singing, act-

20 years of talent and hard work from Jason

ing and performing. I still love that side of it. It's a lot of hard work and a highly pressured job. I cope with that thanks to a great family."

And he admits he enjoys trips to Kent when he gets the chance to visit from his west London home.

He said: "I've been here lots. I'd like to spend more quality time here, but my main base is London. I do have connections with Ashford through my family but I haven't spent much time there."

Donovan shot to fame as Scott Robinson in Neighbours with his on-screen relationship with Kylie Minogue developing off it too.

After securing three number one hits in the late 1980s, his career nosedived after he successfully sued The Face magazine when they suggested he was gay. He was tagged homophobic – a claim he always denied – and later admitted taking the court action was one of the biggest mistakes of his life.

In the mid-1990s he suffered an addiction to cocaine and cannabis. He has now been clean for 10 years and returned to the

nation's screens recently when he featured in ITV1's I'm A Celebrity ... Get Me Out Of Here. He releases a new album in September.



Picture: ANNA WHITE

STAR: Jason Donovan at Bluewater



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The soundtrack to my life

AS SHAKESPEARE wrote: "If music be the food of love, play on."

Those words of the Bard of Avon are ones I seem to live my life by. Music has to be one of the most evocative ingredients in our day-to-day lives.

This was recently proved to me while watching the touring production of Blood Brothers.

Despite having seen the musical twice before, the closing scene still left me sobbing.

There's no doubt that Lyn Paul's performance as the grieving Mrs Johnstone attributed to my emotional state, but I know it was the powerful lyrics and music that rendered me a blubbing mess.

I've always been the same. As soon as I hear a tune on the radio, regardless of where I am or what I'm doing, I'm immediately swept back to another place and time.

I can't hear a James Taylor track and not think of my friend Lesley; or a Kool And The Gang number and not be transported to my former home, when the neighbours continually played Cherish until the early hours.

I know I can't sing, but I love to join in wherever I am; showering, walking the dog, driving the car, or anywhere else.

Yes, I am one of those 'driving-and-bobbing-



TRANSPORT OF DELIGHT: Certain tunes can carry us back into the past in just an instant

along-to-music-that-only-they-can-hear' types, and I realise I must look like a complete buffoon, but quite honestly I don't care. If I hear a song I like, that's it, I'm gone.

According to a recent study, music can have enormous effects on our health and lead to significant savings for the NHS.

Group singing can improve well-being, par-

ticularly for the elderly, as it helps prevent feelings of isolation or anxiousness.

We've always known music is good for the soul, but it appears it's also good for the heart. Sedate music such as Beethoven's slower symphonies slows breathing and circulation, which may have benefits for stroke and heart attack victims.

Additional studies show that music can reduce stress, improve athletic performance and even boost milk production in cattle.

So, good news, and not only for the cows but all us music lovers.

I've always considered myself to have eclectic tastes in music, listening to a wide range of artists and tracks, but there's no doubt there are some which will encourage a musical outburst from me more than others.

Like everyone I've got my favourites, not always the same as others though.

Presenting radio request programmes in the past, there would always be an Elton John tune, Abba, and dedications linked to an Andy Williams track.

Sadly, the popularity of such a show didn't always allow room for the presenter's choice.

If only Simon Bates still had his daily Our Tune feature on his radio programme today. I'd be writing constantly in the hope he would put my much-loved record on the turntable.

Believe me, I've tried many a time before, without success. I did get a reply once though, after I'd penned my appeal to a certain love songs show on the wireless.

Sadly, they said they couldn't play it. Apparently there's not much call for Tiger Feet by Mud...

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The coldest and wettest winter for years has caused huge damage to Kent's roads. Potholes and broken road surfaces are the unavoidable result of the exceptionally long periods of sub-zero temperatures experienced in Kent and other parts of the country this winter, combined with the constant freezing, thawing, refreezing and very heavy rainfall.

However, along with other local authorities, we are preparing for action. We know what needs to be done. Right at the start of the year I announced an extra £1 million-£2m spending on a major pothole repair blitz when the weather conditions are right.

Plans for this are well advanced. This money can be increased substantially if needed to complete the job properly.

I ask you to be patient because we cannot hit the task as hard as we would like until the winter is over and the weather improves.

Right now the road structures are affected by permafrost and a very high water table. This is not stopping us doing thousands of emergency temporary repairs, particularly for safety reasons. We have over 60 crews out doing this every day now.

But the pothole repair blitz I am talking about will see a much larger army of maintenance crews mobilised in the spring to carry out a comprehensive programme of permanent repairs which will stand the test of time.

I want to see quality workmanship on Kent's roads. I want to see this extra money delivered as far as possible by local small and medium-sized firms who have given us competitive prices.

The work will be on a 'find and fix' traditional piecework basis to agreed quality standards, providing real incentives to hard-working, properly-equipped crews to maximise the jobs they can finish in a day.

Too much public expenditure in recent years has been wasted by the fashion for long-term 'partnering' contracts with the big companies. These big boys have often not delivered quality and value for money

Do the decent thing, Peter

It is irrelevant where and when the extension to Peter Gilroy's employment with KCC was originally brokered. The economic situation has changed drastically since 2006 and handling a budget of hundreds of millions each year must be considered a highly important role.

What will cause serious offence among the hard-pressed taxpayers in Kent is that there seems little or no contrition about accepting this payment, even though everyone in the county has to tighten belts in an effort to get through this economic crisis. £200k may well be a drop in the ocean, but as an exercise in public relations it leaves a great deal to be desired.

Having already taken money in lieu of unused holiday entitlement during 2009 speaks realms about Mr Gilroy's general attitude to his job and what he can get out of it. Do the decent thing, Mr Gilroy, and come out publicly with an offer to waive this £200k goodbye gesture.

It will create a smidgen of respect, once more, in the workings of local government and will also assist, again in a very small way, to the lack of funding KCC is facing.

There are many roads in the county where money needs to be spent right now before yet more drivers experience damaged tyres and wheels.

Colin Davis, Woodchurch

roads and deteriorating services everywhere, because our money is being spent, with the approval of all the major political parties, on supporting all other countries in the EU and beyond. How much longer will people here put up with this ludicrous situation before doing something to bring it all to an end?

Roger Arnold, Herne Bay

Heroic efforts in vain

We would like to thank all the people who tried to help rescue the konik pony that had slipped in the mud on Whinless Down nature reserve, Dover, on Monday, February 22, a cold day with heavy rain.

The White Cliffs Countryside Project received a call from the public at about 3pm. A member of staff went up immediately. There were already kind and caring people present. Additional staff went up to help. A vet was already in attendance.

Under the vet's guidance, staff and the public tried to help the animal to its feet. But it was too weak and unable to stand, so we called for the animal rescue unit of Kent Fire and Rescue Service. Unfortunately, we ran out of daylight. The temperature dropped and the vet decided the kindest option was to put the animal down, as it was going to die.

WCCP, Wildwood (owner of the ponies) and Dover District Council (owner of Whinless Down) would like to thank all the people who went out of their way to help the pony; the vet; and Kent Fire and Rescue Service's animal rescue unit, from Faversham, who worked tirelessly to try to save the pony.

Please, if anyone sees or hears of any grazing animal in distress on the sites around Dover, contact WCCP on 01304 241806. If you can't get through, ring the police. The numbers are on the posters on site at each gateway. If we'd been informed earlier, we might have been able to save this pony.

WCCP team, Dover

EU taking us for a ride

The concerns about potholes and the state of our roads prompts me to alert your readers to the following:

Between 2007-13 the EU is spending billions of euros on road building and repairs across the member countries in central and eastern Europe. Brussels is urging the rapid expansion of its Trans-European Transport Network (TEN) which will eventually stretch the length and breadth of Europe.

With Britain now the major contributor to Brussels' yearly spend of more than 650bn euros, British taxpayers can expect life in general here to consist of more crumbling

results, in my view. We have also lost the pride local companies used to have in looking after their area. I want to bring back more local accountability and teamwork. That is why I am reintroducing the 'pride in your patch' approach to our winter road repair initiative, with firms tasked to focus on local areas. But I also want to see the approach more widely used for a whole range of services. The successful firms for this spring pothole blitz will be announced at the start of April. This is only weeks away.

Then you will quickly see the results on the ground of our foresight and planning to put the long hard winter of 2010 behind us.

*Cllr Paul Carter,
Leader, Kent County Council*

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Simon and Jodie celebrate the birth of their daughter Chloe Elizabeth on 23rd February 2010 at home, weighing 7lb 3oz. Sister to Aidan.

ATKINSON

Claire and Sam of Whitstable are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter, Sophie Olivia, on 3rd February 2010. A new sister for Charlotte.

CRIPPEN

Georgia Lucy born on the 22nd February 2010, weighing 7lbs 11oz. Daughter to James and Lucy Crippen of Hawkinge.

EMMETT

Martin and Karen celebrate the birth of their daughter Frankie Rose Emmett Born on 19th February 2010.

MEAKER

Izabelle Alllear Meaker was born on the 16th February 2010 at 04.23am weighing 6lb 12oz to proud parents Kris and Kelly Meaker. A beautiful baby girl loved by all her family.

MILES

Stuart and Melanie of Faversham are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their little miracle, a beautiful son, Harvey Christopher Alec, who was born on 6th February 2010.

STRINGER

Jack Edward born on 11th February 2010, weighing 7lbs 5.5oz. Son to Gary and Kirsty in St Peters. We would like to welcome a little brother for Thomas.

WEIR

David and Vanessa of Seabrook celebrate the birth of their son Dylan Joseph on 17th February 2010, weighing 6lb 11oz.

DEATHS

CANSDALE

Michael Cansdale (Mike). Passed away on 27th February 2010 aged 64 years after a long illness bravely borne. Dearly loved and sadly missed by wife Janet, daughter Penny and son Andrew. Grandchildren and all the family. Funeral to be arranged.

MARTIN

Pamela Joy Martin of Seal died peacefully on 25th February 2010. Enquiries to Doves Funerals, Sevenoaks, Tel. 01732 740444.

research and investment should be made.

The processing of the universe that keeps the Earth's temperature within the corridor that can sustain life (warming and cooling) has worked mostly but not always (eg, the Ice Age) and may be not in the future.

One important issue that has emerged from the whole subject is the power of propaganda; from the simplicity of rabble-rousing, to that which is government-inspired. People are very vulnerable to it as indicated by current world leaders joining the mad hatters' tea parties that preach drastic reduction in carbon emissions, at any price, under the guise of saving the world.

DR Hedges, Chatham

Blame lies with rapist

It is astounding that, according to the Wake up to Rape survey, 54 per cent of women questioned thought rape victims were in some way responsible for their attack.

How can these females be so stupid to believe that the culpability of any rape lies with anyone other than the offender committing this despicable crime?

A number of these survey participants probably argued that certain women dress so provocatively and consume so many units of alcohol that they only have themselves to blame if they send out confusing messages to the man.

So a forced sexual violation is a woman's deserved comeuppance for wearing a mini-skirt and sinking eight Bacardi Breezers is it? Sex must always be consensual. Under no circumstances does a person have the right to force themselves on another person against their will. Everyone should be mature enough to show restraint and control their impulses whatever temptation they perceive is there.

Clive Wilkins-Oppler, Canterbury

Grand opinion welcome

I was touched to read P Campbell's letter regarding his impression of the recent changes at The Grand, Folkestone.

Since assuming the position of manager at The Grand in November, I have been overwhelmed by the kind words and positive feedback that I have received, the people of Folkestone appear to have a genuine affinity for The Grand and I am privileged that many of them are taking the time to put this across to readers.

It is a privilege to be able to lead The Grand through 2010 and beyond.

Robert Richardson, The Grand, Folkestone

A barrage for Farage

This week Nigel Farage sunk to a new low. His personal attack against Herman van Rompuy, President of the European Council, was more akin to the schoolyard tyrant than an elected Parliamentarian.

Parliament is a forum for different views and this is its strength. It's through constructive debate and hearing all sides of an argument that we come to decisions. We may disagree but it's important that views are respected.

In attacking Mr van Rompuy, a guest in our Parliament, Mr Farage showed no respect for Parliament. He may claim to speak for the British people, but most of his voters would reprimand their own children were they to speak to a guest in such a way.

Mr Farage's cynical swipe at Belgium, Britain's neighbour, friend and ally, also revealed the sordid underbelly of a party recently described by its leader as only separated by a "thin line" from the BNP.

Criticising a person for their actions is acceptable and necessary in order to invite change. Criticising a person on their nationality and appearance is the act of a bully.

Catherine Bearder MEP, Liberal Democrat, South East England

Climate change is real

It is Phil Grainger who cannot see the elephant in the room in his letter last week, namely his climate scepticism.

He appears halfway there though, as he

points out the ongoing industrial damage and pollution that humanity has, and is, doing to the planet. However, it is this very fossil-fuelled activity that is the root cause of the greenhouse gas emissions that are beginning to change the climate.

On population, etc, it is largely the misuse of land, resources and their distribution that are the problem, and so it has to be by changing these and the social, economic and industrial practices which underpin them, that we can help better sustain the current population and help alleviate climate change as well. Yes, we may also need to reduce our population growth via greater use of contraception and educational methods.

As regards, the so-called Emailgate and Himalayan glaciergate sagas, yes they were embarrassing, but they are just the occasional human errors that can creep in to such research. The IPCC (Intergov Panel) must do better though and they are addressing this now before their next report in 2014. However, none of this goes against the many thousands of reports from across a wide range of scientific disciplines that all concur that man-made climate change is a reality.

Finally, I point out that the low-carbon sector in the UK is already valued at £100 billion by the CBI so further increases in this can help make the changes needed.

The latest news about fuel cell technology from the USA, from a company in California and called the 'Boombbox', could if coupled with renewable energy input, be carbon-neutral, so could potentially provide homes and businesses around the world with green energy.

Ray Duff, Folkestone

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My thanks to A&E

May I take this opportunity to thank the staff in the A&E department and the fracture clinic at Margate's QEQM Hospital.

I am pleased to say that my recent visit to A&E lasted exactly one hour from entering the building to leaving it. During that time my wrist and ankle were X-rayed from every conceivable angle, my wrist was given a temporary cast and my ankle bound up.

The fracture clinic was very busy the following week but I was dealt with very efficiently and sympathetically. And my wrist is on the mend.

And may I also take the opportunity to remind your readers that A&E is not the place to go with a sniffle or a tummy upset. A&E is where you go with broken bones or to get a wound stitched.

Cllr Mike Eddy, member for Mill Hill, Dover District Council

Let's give cash back

Kent Police Authority has worked hard to find savings, and policing is probably now delivered more efficiently in Kent than in almost any other area of the country. However, I agree with the two criticisms of Kent Police Authority which Terry Hudson made in your paper two weeks ago.

First, I do not believe that we should have increased our allowances by up to 45 per cent in September, 2008. I voted against that increase. I also refused to accept it.

Second, I do not believe we need to hold so much taxpayers' money, some of which KCC kept invested in Icelandic banks.

I agree that we should maintain a minimum cash reserve of £5m-10m, or at least two per cent of the revenue budget for Kent Police, as a contingency to meet any unexpected costs. However, I oppose our policy of holding additional cash reserves of £25m-plus.

Any organisation will have certain liabilities it is likely to have to meet in the future and, of course, it should record, or 'accrue', those in its accounts. However, we do not need to raise council tax to match these accruals with a permanent cash pile of £25m plus which earns very little interest.

What is this cash pile for? No-one has ever given me a sensible answer. We need to raise money from council tax payers to pay out police wages and supplier invoices, etc, and I am happy for us to hold up to £5m-10m on top of this 'just in case', but we should give the rest back to council tax payers.

Cllr Mark Reckless, member of Kent Police Authority and Conservative parliamentary candidate for Rochester and Strood

Forecast in sorry state

Why can't the Met Office apologise when they get it wrong? On Radio Kent on Sunday, February 21, they said at 7.30am and 9.30am that the maximum temperature on Monday would be 11 degrees.

At 10.30am and 4pm they said it would be nine degrees, yet at 8.30am on Monday morning they said only four or five degrees! So in a day they reduced the temperature by more than half. I phoned Radio Kent at about 8.45am on Monday and asked for an apology on the 11.30am forecast but none was forthcoming. But the Met Office never seem to admit they are wrong, do they?

This happens all the time. For example, on Wednesday, February 17, at 3.30pm they said that the overnight low would be three or four degrees above but at 5.30pm they said only one or zero degrees.

The early morning presenter on Radio Kent said that when he had driven into work the temperature was only minus four degrees. So forecasting a mere 12-hours ahead they were seven degrees out!

But although I listen to several forecasts a day I heard no apology or admission of error. Isn't it time that the Meteorological Office came clean about its inaccuracies? Why can't they compare forecast with actual weather for (say) 30 stations across the UK?

The stations should be chosen by someone outside the Met Office. They could produce an average percentage of actual to forecast, say 60-75 per cent right. Then we would know how much faith to put in the forecasts. Millions of pounds of public money go into the forecasting so the taxpayer is entitled to know what value he is getting for his money.

Marc Hurstfield, Northfleet

Climate 'propaganda'

I thought sanity was returning to the subject of global warming/climate change/carbon in the atmosphere until Ray Duff's letter.

I am sure his array of statistics and quotations contain many elements of fact, but so does the best of propaganda.

The facts are that scientists whose field of activity is in the broader realm of the world within the universe reveal that there is no evidence that carbon in the atmosphere causes global warming.

You have to go to those in a much narrower field of endeavour to find supporters of this supposition. Some very plausible theories have been postulated as to how this might occur but they are theories, and those with that idea do not look too deeply into the verification of their data.

The separate subjects of climate change, global warming and pollution in the atmosphere are each important and research and

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By **MARIJKE COX**

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CONSTRUCTION students have gone head-to-head in a bid to show they have what it takes to win the Skills Olympics 2011.

Participants from all six of the county's further education colleges raced against the clock to produce quality work as they battled to impress judges and earn a place in the 2010 Skilled Up finals.

The competition, organised by South Kent College, aimed to boost Kent's chances in next year's international Skill Build contest, known as the Skills Olympics.

Tutors hoped the contest would help students become familiar with working under pressure and encourage them to try out for the regional and international competitions.

Skilled Up project director Mike Stanley said: "These events are an exciting opportunity for these students to showcase their talents which will ultimately boost their motivation to succeed and be recognised as the best in their craft."

"Last year, no-one could believe the silence

that fell in every workshop as the students focused on what they were doing."

Construction services company Wates sponsored the medals and trophies, and power tool manufacturer Makita UK provided the tools and a trained demonstrator.

Prizes were provided by Ashford-based Thanet Tool Supplies. Chris Simpson, education liaison adviser for Wates, said competitions like Skilled Up helped ensure young people were trained properly.

"It gives them an insight into meeting targets and deadlines once they get on site when they are working," he said.

"They will understand what it is like to be racing against the clock, but also producing top quality work."

"Tradesmen are frequently given targets to meet on site and this competition will teach students how to prepare for that."

Competitive assessments took place in bricklaying, carpentry, joinery and painting and decorating, with first place winners invited to compete in the grand final in June.

Further education centres involved in the Skilled Up event were South Kent College, Canterbury College, North West Kent College, Mid Kent College, Thanet College and West Kent College.

Science Park careers fair

THOUSANDS of pupils and job seekers are expected to attend a new interactive skills and careers fair.

The event, at Kent Science Park, Sittingbourne, on Thursday, March 11, will be the first of its kind in Swale, with more than 95 businesses attending.

After 2.30pm there will be a session for the public, with free shuttle buses provided from Sittingbourne's St Michael's Road car park at 2.15pm, 2.45pm and 3.15pm.

Cllr Mike Cosgrove of Swale council said: "We can help people identify the skills they will need for the jobs of the future and help them access the right training."

CERTIFICATES have been awarded to 57 taxi drivers for passing their NVQ in customer service.

The Gravesham cabbies were commended at a ceremony in Gravesham's council chamber. All 57 passed their NVQ in customer service, with others also achieving their Vocation Related Qualification.

Cllr John Cubbitt said: "We are delighted to have such a dedicated group of cabbies who do such valuable service for the borough."



Moving mountains

YOUNGSTERS from Kent primary schools were among the winners of a nationwide engineering competition in the French Alps.

The event, called ICE and SNOW, was organised by the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE).

Teams were asked to find the slowest way possible to transport a marble to the base of a 'mountain' they had constructed and to cover the longest distance possible.

Katherine Lee, eight, from Sutton Valence School, Maidstone, and Heather Armstrong, 11, from Angley School, Cranbrook, were in the winning team, which was made up of pupils and engineers.

Organiser Richard Armstrong said the project was to show young people civil engineering can be fun.

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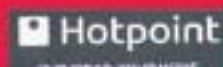
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IN MY VIEW



By Chris Britcher

Yet another film full of magic

PERCY JACKSON & THE LIGHTNING THIEF (PG)

HARRY Potter has got a lot to answer for.

Because the little chap with the big wand, a penchant for magical adventures with his chums, and unusual upbringing, has proved such a runaway success that the hunt for a worthy successor is never ending.

So today, if a children's fantasy book even hints at a bit of generational crossover appeal, there is someone with a large chequebook and an eager producer, ready to transform the thing for paper and ink into celluloid and box office excitement.

Now, maybe I'm doing this particular film a disservice by aligning it too closely with Potter and his Hogwarts adventures. But Percy Jackson & The Lightning Thief is so similar in basic structure, it is hard to truly distinguish between the two.

For the unaware, Percy is big business in the literary world, with author Rick Riordan selling millions of his adventures.

Without giving very much away, young master Jackson is the offspring of Poseidon. Yes, the Greek god of the sea. Who else? Which means he is rather a dab hand with water.

Upon discovering he is heir to a ruddy great trident and the devotion of fish the world over, he goes off to Hogwarts, sorry, I mean Greek god offspring training camp, where he meets lots of other youngsters whose mother or father is best known for inspiring some rather impressive statues.

And you can see where this going right from the outset. He meets a male and female friend and off they go for a string of adventures. During which they find themselves going face-to-face with the likes of Medusa and lots of big scary monsters.

I admit to being a big Potter fan. I also admit that when I saw the first couple of Potter films I thought they were light, wishy-washy and failed to pack the emotional punch the books achieve. So I hesitate to knock the books on which these films were based, but certainly I suspect the situation here may be replicated.

All I do know is that my children thought the film a real blast and as they are the primary audience, that is really the key thing.

It's not without appeal to parents; the effects are impressive, and no aspect of the adventure continues for long enough to become too irritating. Indeed, the storyline whips along at a fair pace, but as a result, nothing really stands up to examination. We flit from challenge to challenge until, bizarrely, we encounter Steve Coogan playing Hades. And Steve Coogan plays Hades like a beardless Saxondale.

With further books in the series ready to be developed, and a predominantly American youth audience weaned on them, the chances are we will see Percy back on the big screen before too long.

Just don't expect it to really deliver anything other than the most functional of experiences. Unless, of course, you're under 15.



WONDERLAND: This latest adaptation is visually stunning

CINEMA

ALICE IN WONDERLAND (PG)

COMBINING a unique aesthetic, conjured from his twisted imagination, with dark humour and heartfelt emotion, Tim Burton has remained a visionary in a sea of profit-driven conformity.

Johnny Depp has been a regular collaborator during the past two decades, and the Oscar-nominated actor gets top billing in this wild re-imagining of Lewis Carroll's book.

Burton's descent down the rabbit hole is a characteristically eye-catching and quixotic journey of self-discovery in a world where anything can, and probably will, happen.

Fans of the director's earlier work will recognise his thumbprints on the grotesque character design, and the colourful sets, many of which are rendered digitally.

However, the action-oriented narrative owes rather a lot to The Golden Compass and the Narnia films in terms of the imagery and plot developments.

Curiouser and curiouser...

Alice In Wonderland screens in 3D in selected cinemas and the technology works best at the beginning of the film, when Alice tumbles down the rabbit hole and objects fly at the screen, compelling us to duck and dive.

On the whole, Burton's vision loses very little in traditional 2D.

The visuals are stunning, as you would expect, but characterisation is weak, and Depp's turn as the Mad Hatter is one bout of lunacy too far.

CRAZY HEART (15)

JEFF Bridges seems destined, undeservedly, to win the Academy Award as Best Actor In A Leading Role for his turn as a washed up singer, who lives by the bottle.

Written and directed by Scott Hooper, Crazy Heart is this year's The Wrestler, following a self-destructive has-been on the slow and painful road to redemption.

The leading man's portrayal of a drunkard, who vomits profusely before a concert at a bowling alley and has to rescue his fallen spectacles from the steaming mess, doesn't earn our sympathy with ease.

Bridges' character brings suffering upon himself and the people around him, and in one of the film's pivotal sequences, he manages to lose a young child in his care because he is tempted by the promise of a cheeky afternoon drink.

Yet through an unlikely romance, we are able to glimpse the tenderness and sadness in this pitiful man, and will him to complete a stint in rehab.

Sexual chemistry between Bridges and his opposite, Maggie Gyllenhaal, is palpable but her character is extremely wary of the sozzled

celebrity; she has a young son to protect, and she cannot let men gatecrash her life.

The singer gets under her skin, and she opens her heart to the possibility of love, but she must compete with his love for Jack Daniels.

Crazy Heart hinges on the spark between Bridges and Gyllenhaal, and the two actors generate plenty of heat as their characters blunder through a romance that depends entirely on Bad's sobriety.

Bridges delivers a compelling performance as a talented songwriter who has almost supped away his talent, and he is matched by Gyllenhaal's emotionally raw portrayal of a lonely woman, heading for the kind of heartache that would inspire Bad to write one of his songs. If only he could see straight.

Thankfully, T-Bone Burnett and Stephen Bruton's original music is note perfect, including the Oscar-nominated song The Weary Kind, that should take away the golden statuette on the night.

CASE 39 (15)

SOME people are just too good to be true. That's certainly the case in horror films – the person least likely to wield an axe with murderous intent invariably turns out to be the raging psychopath with evil in their heart.

And it's also true for Christian Alvart's ludicrous, supernatural yarn. In truth, Case 39 should have bypassed the big screen entirely and debuted on DVD because there is little here to shock or scare audiences.

German director Alvart, who came to prominence with the 2005 thriller Antibodies (Antikörper), needs to get a better agent, because he's in danger of squandering his obvious talent.

Yesteryear's sci-fi bloodbath Pandorum was a disappointment, and Case 39 suffers a worse fate: It is a predictable bore.

Social worker Emily Jenkins and Detective Mike Barron are called to an address where a little girl is believed to be in danger.

Breaking into the property, the do-gooders discover Keith Sullivan and his wife Margaret attempting to roast their cherubic 10-year-old daughter Lillith in the oven.

Thankfully, they rescue the tyke from a very public grilling in the nick of time.

Emily is strangely moved by Lillith's plight and, breaking all of the rules, she allows the girl to stay under her roof, offering the youngster the love and support she has never had.

Alas, the social worker soon notices changes in the girl's behaviour, with leads to an attack on Emily and Lillith in their home. As the strange disturbances become more violent, Emily wonders if the Sullivans might have had good reason to want to slow roast their offspring. Case 39 won't surprise anyone, apart from Renee Zellweger's wannabe mom, who seems genuinely startled by the demonic killer in her midst.

Director Alvart provides the requisite number of shocks as his angel of death goes on the rampage, but we anticipate every jolt, compounded by Michl Britsch's soundtrack.

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Messing about is fun on the air

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Stop Messing About sees Williams reunited with Carry On co-star Joan Sims



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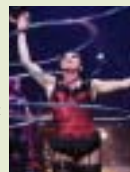
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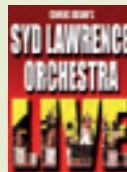


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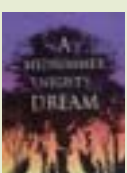


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POINTLESS: For those who didn't catch the first series of this rather addictive quiz, it sees question master Alexander Armstrong giving the contestants a category which was already put to 100 people, and they have to come up with the most obscure answer they can think of. The aim of the game is to score as low as possible, and the ultimate accolade is to get a 'pointless' answer.

As well as giving trivia nuts a chance to show off, it also offers a fascinating insight into the British public's surprisingly eclectic areas of specialist knowledge. The last series proved we're strong on English race courses and the Greek alphabet, but not so hot on the movies of Angelina Jolie. So much for us all being obsessed with celebrity. (*BBC Two, 4.30pm*)

THE GOOD WIFE: Our colonial cousins across the pond are crazy about tales on down-on-their-luck mothers returning to the workplace to provide for their children when their husbands are killed, jailed or whatever, and it turns out we Brits are too.

For those not in the know, *The Good Wife* sees former ER star Julianna Margulies play Alicia Florrick, a wife and mother whose life is turned upside down when her husband is involved in a public sex scandal that lands him in prison. Rising above the betrayal, Alicia returns to work as a defence attorney.

In tonight's episode, love might be in the air as Alicia represents the daughter of one of the partners at the law firm, and finds herself attracted to a colleague. (*Channel 4, 10pm*)

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

SIDEKICK STORIES: Batman has Robin, Dr Who has an assistant, and Sherlock Holmes has Dr Watson, so there's no denying that sidekicks play an important part in battling bad-dies in the world of film and TV.

But, it's safe to say we'll all agree that these stooges never get the recognition they deserve. In a long overdue tribute, ex-Dr Who assistant Catherine Tate narrates this intriguing one-off film, which takes a look at television's nearlmen – the sidekicks.

For once, the spotlight is on those who constantly stand in the shadow of their more popular companions and this programme tells the story of the many unsung heroes who quietly go about saving the world, while their partners are left to bask in the adoration of the audience. (*BBC Four, 9pm*)

THE GEMMA FACTOR: This new series features the talents of Anna Gilthorpe, who stars as Gemma Collinge, an ambitious girl hoping to find fame before her 21st birthday.

But, unfortunately for Gemma, she's struggling to make a name for herself beyond the confines of her hometown in rural Yorkshire. Gemma dreams of escaping to the Big Smoke for the bright lights and all its trappings – and her rise to stardom can't come soon enough.

Supporting her dream are her camp friend Jeff and down-to-earth workmate, Nell, but her no-nonsense grandmother has absolutely no understanding of her all-consuming aspiration. (*BBC Three, 10.30pm*)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

INSIDE JOHN LEWIS: Mention the name John Lewis to anybody, and chances are what springs to mind is a rather swanky department store, which has been providing the more affluent among us with all manner of goods since 1864.

Back then, the only outlet was on London's Oxford Street and focused solely on drapery. The company grew when it took over a second shop in Sloane Street, and in 1920, the original Mr Lewis' son founded the John Lewis Partnership, which expanded further in 1940 by purchasing the Selfridge Provincial Stores.

Oxford Street remains the firm's flagship store, and was refurbished three years ago at a cost of £60 million.

You might think that, in the midst of the worst recession in living memory, John Lewis would now be feeling the pinch. But it seems

not. So, how has this household favourite managed to survive in a climate that has wrecked the futures of so many others? This documentary aims to find out. (*BBC Two, 9pm*)

DESPERATE HOUSEWIVES: Now, what did we tell you? That's right, it would turn out that Danny Bolen was not responsible for the attack on Julie – merely because Susan always jumps to conclusions that turn out not to be true.

Sure enough, that was the case once again. Now Susan believes Katherine is the mystery assailant. But has she learned her lesson about finding concrete evidence before spreading gossip? Probably not. After all, her mouth is usually in gear long before her brain is. It also sounds too preposterous to be true – a good, solid person, herself a mother of a young woman Julie's age, going attacking people outside their own homes. (*Channel 4, 10pm*)

THURSDAY, MARCH 11

MICHELIN STARS – THE MADNESS OF PERFECTION: In 1900, Andre Michelin published the first edition of the Michelin Guide to help drivers maintain their cars, and find decent lodging and food while driving around France.

In the following 110 years, the Michelin guide has evolved to become the bible of fine dining around the world, with any restaurant worth its salt busting a gut to get their name into the prestigious red book. But, as this programme demonstrates, inclusion in the Michelin Guide is no easy feat as the pressure of striving to attain culinary perfection can be overwhelming. In this intriguing documentary, William Sitwell investigates the passions and pressures attached to being a Michelin-starred chef. (*BBC Two, 9pm*)

TOO POOR FOR POSH SCHOOL? Harrow is one of Britain's few remaining all-boys boarding schools. It's also expensive – sending your son there for a year will set you back an eye-watering £28,000.

However, multimillionaire businessman and former Harrowian Peter Beckwith has established a means-tested scholarship aimed at families who wouldn't normally be able to send their children to the establishment.

As well as paying up to full fees for the length of the pupil's Harrow career, it also includes two additional years in a prep school, bringing its value close to £200,000, but only two boys can qualify every year, and the selection process takes place over a single day.

Here, cameras follow not only three youngsters who are hoping to make the grade as they undergo a relentless day of tests and interviews, but also the parents, who are anxiously awaiting the results. (*Channel 4, 9pm*)

FRIDAY, MARCH 12

THE MENTALIST: In this latest episode, the body of lawyer Gordon Hodges is found at the side of a road. You would think the dead man's wife is surprised, but not a bit of it. She reveals that her spouse was a lawyer with one client – notorious biker club the Sinner Saints.

It turns out Hodges had recently been busted for possession of drugs, but the charges were dropped, begging the question: was this in exchange for informing on his clients?

When Jane and Lisbon visit the Saints to learn more, they meet their enigmatic leader Von McBride, who rejects the notion that Hodges was an informant – which suggests the killer may be closer to home than originally imagined. (*Five, 9pm*)

CHRIS MOYLES' QUIZ NIGHT: Each week, a new panel of famous faces takes on the Radio One breakfast show presenter.

Celebrities hope to show off their knowledge and quip their way to the illustrious top spot on the leader board. This week, Moyles is joined by Billie Piper, Dale Winton and WBA Heavyweight champion David Haye.

For those unfamiliar with the show's format, each celebrity will be playing for their fans in the audience, but the share of the cash prize depends on how many people back the winning contestant. Here, 34 per cent of the audience thinks Chris will top the leader board. (*Channel 4, 10pm*)

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KENT ON SUNDAY REVIEW BY CLARE GRANT

Debbie Reynolds all-dancing show

"I've been doing this for 52 years and I plan on doing it until I kick the bucket," says actress Debbie Reynolds defiantly.

"I don't plan to retire. I love my audience and they love me back."

Ms Reynolds has been in 60 movies, including much-loved golden era classics like *Singin' in the Rain* and *The Unsinkable Molly Brown*.

Now in her 70s, she's still going strong. "I work 42 weeks a year," she says. This year's project is a one-woman variety show which will tour 15 UK theatres in the spring.

Among them is Tunbridge Wells' Assembly Hall in April.

"I want to give the audience a good time because these are hard times," she says. "I do a two-hour show with Gershwin songs and Count Basie and Cab Calloway. I do a tribute to Judy Garland who was a good friend of mine."

Ms Reynolds also promises a lot of singing, dancing, impressions, film clips and bloopers of all the greats. "And," she adds, "it's very funny."

"All the Gabor sisters were friends of mine and in the act, I have Zsa Zsa Gabor advising Paris Hilton on how not to get arrested for slapping a policeman."

Zsa Zsa Gabor was at one time married to Paris' great grandfather, and like Paris, spent time in jail.

In the course of her career, Ms Reynolds has danced with both Gene Kelly and Fred Astaire: "They were both great in their own way. Fred was more balletic, ballroom. Gene was more of a man's man dancer."

Talk of Kelly in particular stirs up memories of *Singin' in the Rain*.

"I've just finished reading a book on the making of *Singin' in the Rain*. It's always interesting to read anything about yourself. I had a lot to learn and Gene Kelly was a task master and he taught me well. But at the time I was crying and got upset." She has been quoted as saying *Singin' in the Rain* and child birth were the most difficult experiences of her life.

The impressions were what launched Ms Reynolds' career – she won a beauty contest at the age of 16 by impersonating Betty Hutton. She continued to work on the skill, even enlisting the help of her targets: "I made a picture called *The Catered Affair* with Bette Davis and I was always impersonating her. She would say: 'Do me bigger. That's not good enough' and she would work with me on it. And I worked with Mae West – she was really good to me."

Ms Reynolds is definitely an impression connoisseur, and in the course of the interview she switches voices regularly.

She says (in a New York drawl): "I like doing Barbara Streisand because she talks like a New Yorker, but when she sings, she sings perfectly." I am reminded of a collector who wants to bring my attention to the particular beauties of each treasure.

Another favourite voice is James Stewart: "Jimmie Stewart had a special way of talking," she says, describing the work they did together on the epic family saga *How The West Was Won*. "He loved one song in that movie so I would always call him and sing to him."

Another aspect of Ms Reynolds' life is her collection of movie memorabilia: "I started collecting in 1970 and it's now the largest permanent collection in the world. I plan on building a



museum." She has more than 4,000 costumes from the silent era right up until the present day. She reels off a list of iconic pieces: "I've the gingham dress from *The Wizard of Oz*, and Grace Kelly's clothes from *To Catch a Thief*. The guitar from *The Sound of Music*."

"The white subway dress is my favourite, but I've 19 of Marilyn's dresses."

And is there anything she would like to own?

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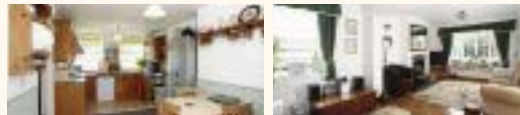


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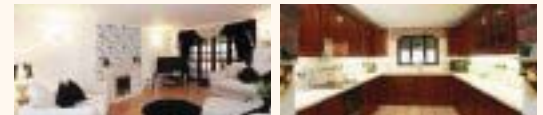
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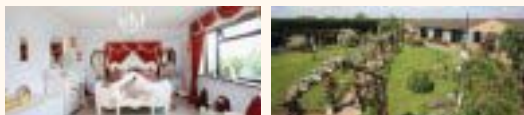
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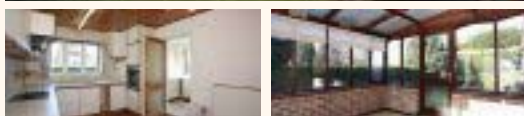
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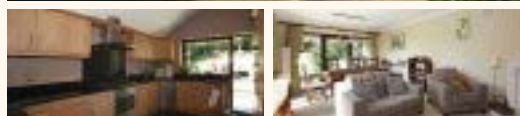
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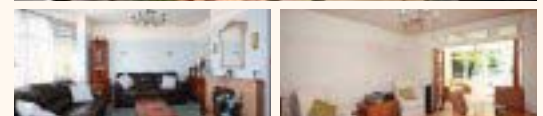
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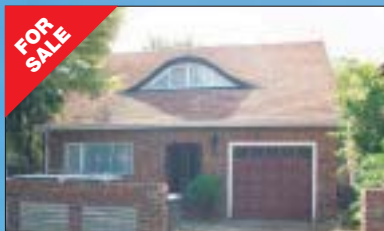
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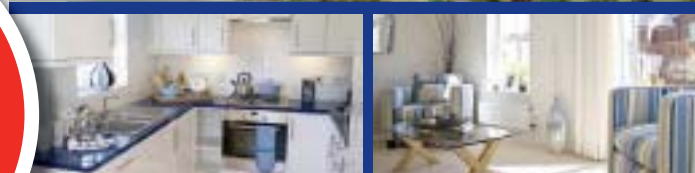
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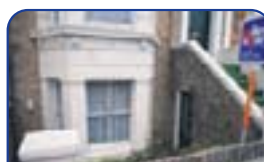
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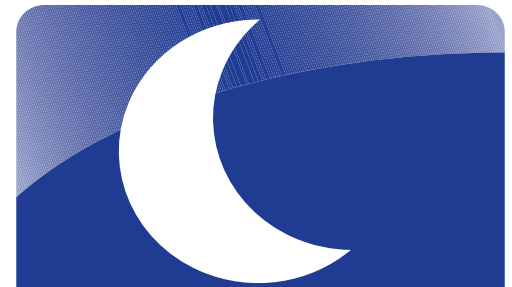
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Rate change good news for nurseries and young pupils

■ BY CHRIS MURPHY

THERE is to be more funding for the county's nurseries to ensure young pupils get the best possible start to their education.

Kent County Council said nurseries and pre-schools will be able to take advantage of a new fairer funding system that rewards those who provide a top quality service.

The authority has pledged an extra £1.3 million to early years providers that offer free education and childcare for three and four-year-olds.

The change will come into effect from April and means the county's 750 private, voluntary and independent providers will be paid a higher hourly rate.

Currently all of these providers are paid the same hourly flat rate, regardless of their costs, and the council's nursery units that operate in primary schools were paid at a different rate.

The changes mean treating all providers equally if their circumstances are similar, but recognising differences, such as better qualified staff, by paying higher rates.

Under the Government scheme, all providers receive the new basic flat rate, which is higher than

the current rate, the council said. Providers can qualify for up to three extra payments on top of the basic rate if they have qualified staff, are judged by Ofsted to provide an improving, good or outstanding service, or if the children they support come from areas of social and economic disadvantage.

Cllr Sarah Hohler, cabinet member for children, families and education, said: "There has been some concern in other parts of the country about the effect of these changes on council-run nursery schools. As a result, the Government decided to delay the legal deadline for changing the funding scheme but is allowing councils to start in April as planned if they are ready."

"Kent County Council has worked closely with a representative group of providers for more than a year and ran an extensive consultation programme with all providers last autumn. We are keen to pass on these higher rates of payment to providers that aim to further improve the quality of early education for Kent children, to give them the best preparation for their full-time schooling."

Quality award making mark

FIFTY top nurseries and pre-schools have been praised for their high standards, says County Hall.

They have been handed certificates after completing the Kent Quality Mark scheme. They had to show commitment to raising the quality of their service and improve outcomes for pre-school children and their families.

KCC's children, families and education managing director, Rosalind Turner, presented the awards at Ashford International Hotel.

She said: "We want the very best start in life for all children, and we want parents to be confident that our early years and childcare is of the highest quality."

The mark lasts for three years and participants, who come from across Kent, received training and mentoring to complete the award.

St Michael's Pre-School in Tenterden was one of those that took part in the scheme.

Manager Brigitte Watkins, said: "As a result of completing the Kent Quality Mark we have become confident in challenging why we do things, and the improvement planning process has become automatic which ensures that when we discuss changes to be made these actually take place."

And Cheryl Martin, from First Learners in Sellindge, added: "It has been hard work and sometimes a very steep learning curve, but I would do it all again. The benefit of the Kent Quality Mark experience to our nursery has been immense. It has brought all of our staff together and given us a real desire to continue improving our practice."

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County Hall uses London 2012 to highlight value of sport in schools

NO-ONE could possibly miss the fact that the Olympics in 2012 will be right on our doorstep, and Kent's authorities are doing all they can to push sports in schools.

The London Olympics is already having a massive impact on sport in our schools.

The county has been gearing up with a host of activities to get more schoolchildren taking part in sport.

Kent County Council said it is the only county nationally to employ a full-time post of school sport manager, dealing with all aspects of sport to do with children and young people.

Part of the job involves working with partners to get all young people to do at least five hours of sport per week.

The authority also runs the Kent School Games, the finals of which will take place later this year. This gives an opportunity for every school-aged child in Kent to compete in heats and

■ BY CHRIS MURPHY

trials in a range of sports leading to finals in Canterbury.

The Kent School Games is highly regarded nationally and has been supported by Kent's double Olympic gold winning medallist Dame Kelly Holmes.

Nathan Hazledene, Kent school sport manager, said: "Kent County Council's commitment to school sport is shown in a number of different ways. The London bid was won with the underlying aim of inspiring the next generation of young people through sport and culture.

"With constant fears of an increase of inactivity amongst young people, and growing levels of obesity, it is clear to see that Kent is taking its role in promoting lifelong participation in sport and physical activity very seriously."

And there's more. The authority said six regional 'hubs' have been created for the next phase of the Kent 20in12 Learning Programme.

Kent 20in12 is part of a two-year learning programme that will pro-



GOING FOR GOLD: Dame Kelly Holmes is backing the Kent School Games

vide schools with a range of ideas and resources in the run up to London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The hub schools will be encouraged to work with as many other schools in their area as possible.

The hub schools are: The Abbey School, Faversham; Highworth Grammar School, Ashford; Valley Park Community School, Maidstone;

Mascalls School, Paddock Wood; St Johns Catholic Comprehensive School, Gravesend; and Sandwich Technology School, Sandwich.

And many schools in Kent are now taking part in an award scheme run by Sports Leaders UK.

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The authority said: "Our Medway is one of the council's most ambitious projects to demonstrate the wider benefits and appeal of the Olympics and Paralympics beyond competitive sport.

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■ BY CHRIS MURPHY

STUDENTS usually start their schooling when they are four or five, and it doesn't end until they are 16 – when they have to weigh up their options about what to do next.

With fewer jobs around as Kent and the rest of Britain struggles out of recession, beginning a sparkling career is not as easy as it once was.

It seems managers are looking for people with a CV packed with first-class examination grades.

And while that is true in many cases – the ability to demonstrate a key skill can be just as important as a fistful of elegant paperwork.

Most schools have their own careers advisor, and the work they do is invaluable when it comes to pointing students in the right direction.

Someone with excellent bricklaying skills may not be the best surgeon. And those with all those degrees may be wasting them a little if they are mopping out toilets.

So, while there are just a few alternatives for a student leaving school, the choices in each of those alternatives really are many and varied.

In fact, it can seem a little like a minefield, so good guidance is vital.

Initially, it boils down to staying on in the sixth form, going to further education, or getting a job. From there, the world is your oyster.

Ability

Careers advisor Sharon Armstrong-Murphy said: "It really is all down to a child's character and ability as to what their next step is.

"A careers advisor will get to know the students during their time at school, especially as they approach their final year.

"We conduct a series of interviews with each student to better learn what they are expecting to do. Of course, at that age not everyone has their life already mapped out, so we do what we can to open their eyes to the possibilities in front of them."

Mrs Armstrong-Murphy, who runs the careers department at New Brompton College, in Gillingham, said: "My main priority is to match a student with a possible career path, and that may take them into the sixth form at their school or another; or on to a college, to either boost their grades or give training in a particular area; move into the workplace immediately; or go on to an apprentice scheme, which is great way to find specific training for a particular job.

"A student may be confused with all the options, or may not even be aware of what their options are. The best course of action is to always check with their careers advisor and I, in particular, encourage parents to take part in discussions, too."

And students who want to go into the world of work rather than continue to study are offered advice by consumer group Which?

A spokesman said: "Your CV is a living, breathing document. Make sure that you keep it up to date – refreshing your CV shows that you are actively looking for work."

Advice is key to getting on the right career path



Boosting local involvement in education

WITH a hefty budget of £8 billion to cover Kent and the rest of England, Partnerships for Schools said it wants to boost local involvement in restructuring the education system.

The single body is now responsible for all capital investment in schools, making it a headteacher's best friend.

PfS chief executive Tim Byles (above) said: "We want to have one conversation with each local authority about the education outcomes they are aiming for right across the board and how that sits within their broader community strategy locally.

"A key part of our role is to interpret how the national ambition for change, improvement, efficiency and value for money can be translated into the different needs of local communities. And that single conversation gives the opportunity to do just that in an environment where we are going to need to deliver more for less."

He added: "The various schools-related programmes and the co-location fund are coming together in a system of agreed priorities.

"The watchwords are value for money and efficiency, and we will be looking at how we can harness the best of what the private sector has got to offer alongside the leadership that local government and the public sector can deliver locally.

"There are challenging times ahead and we need to agree priorities and how they can be delivered most effectively."

He wants more 'clusters' of schools and more executive headteachers working across a number of schools, and more federations linking primary and secondary education together.

He said: "It's an environment where there is more choice for people to make decisions on what is most appropriate for their children."

There is a need to look at schools in individual localities and if there are struggling schools, perhaps a change in governance and management is needed, he said, or even the introduction of academies, something Kent has already embraced.

Defending the organisation of 150 people, Mr Byles said: "It's not about a heavy hand from the centre, bureaucracy and red tape, it's about clarity.

"We are a small outfit providing professional and technical support for local decisions and that's something both Labour and Conservative politicians have said they would like to see more of.

"It is quite different from having a centralised regime, which is not something I would be interested in providing.

"What we are trying to do is translate national policy into very different local circumstances in a way that works and gains local support."

Discover your options after schooldays as the futures roadshow opens its doors

A ROADSHOW is set to help students understand what lies ahead of them at the end of their school life.

At Medway Futures, young people can find out about undergraduate placements, talk with employers, learn about graduate training schemes and perfect their CV writing.

Toni Clarke, who runs Medway Education Business Partnership (MEBP), has teamed up with the University of Greenwich for the last five years, and will provide the event for all Medway people.

She said: "Every year, an increasing number of courses become available to study, in

any number of educational establishments.

"New courses, new jobs and new careers are springing up each year. People are really spoilt for choice, but this doesn't necessarily mean they will make the right one for them.

"The event brings together all organisations, including employers, who have an interest in providing education and training courses to people at any age; whether they are still in school, at college, at university, in the workplace or unemployed.

"Students can find out more about what courses are open to them while they're still at school, and how they can progress to

university or college, or continue to train in the workplace. Those already in the workplace can find out what courses are available to them to progress in the jobs they're in, or make a career change.

"The unemployed can find out about opportunities to get into, or how to get back into, work.

"The theme for the day is finding out more about what's out there, making the right choices, signing up at the right establishments, and promoting lifelong learning."

The roadshow is on March 13 at the St George's Centre, Chatham Maritime.

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REVISION

SOME people love exams, and revel in the knowledge that they'll have to study for weeks to understand every nuance of their subject, and can write for hours to answer every question.

However, a lot of us just hate exams. They are trying and stressful, and with so much status placed on results, they can even lead to mental breakdowns for some people.

But it need not be such a nightmare. We asked Kate Greig, headteacher of King Ethelbert School in Birchington, about exam techniques, and she offered some essential advice on revising for the dreaded tests.

She said: "The most important thing to remember about examinations is to get started early and not leave it to the last minute.

"What is also important is that there are many different ways to revise, and what works for one person may not work for another.

"However, everyone has a method that works for them, so different techniques should be tried and tested by every student.

"Schools work hard in order to give students every opportunity to do well and individual subject teachers will give plenty of advice and guidance along the way.

Nothing should be too much of a shock, it is panic that often leads to students doing less well than expected,

KATE GRIEG,
HEADTEACHER OF KING ETHELBERT
SCHOOL IN BIRCHINGTON, THANET

"It is vitally important that students continue to attend school and all the sessions offered right up to the examinations.

"It is tempting to take time off to revise at home, but it is in the classroom where all the experts are and revision at home can be done in the evenings and weekends.

"Planning time for revision can be very hard, especially when there are so many distractions out there in terms of technology as well as with friends.

"The most useful advice I was given was to start straight away – we all know the temptation to put it off until tomorrow.

"Short bursts of revision are always useful; a half hour here and there can really benefit the student. Short sharp bursts are usually the best way with lots of short breaks in-between.

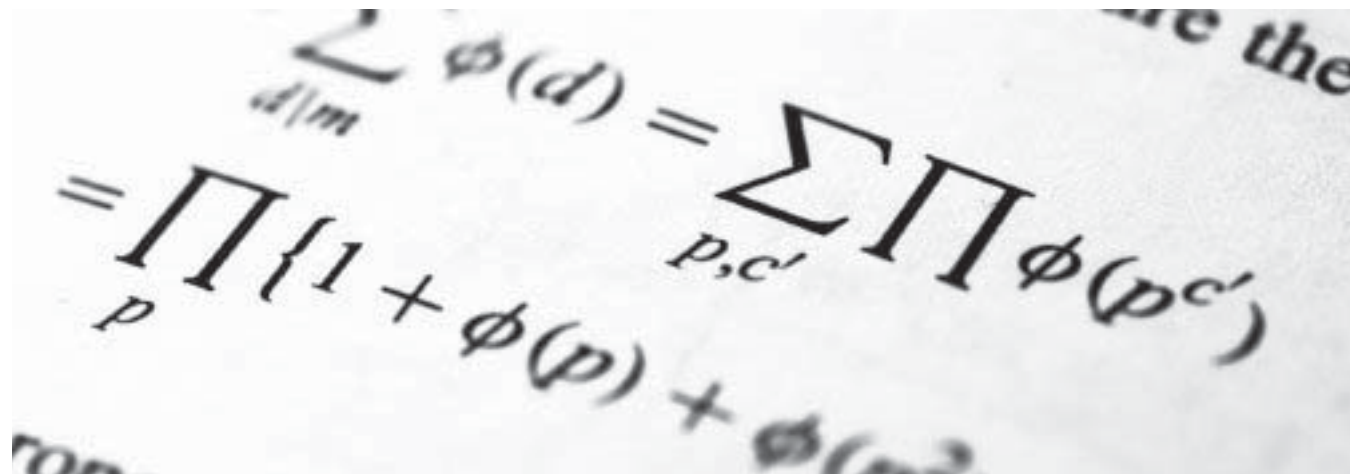
"There is also a temptation to study solidly for the first examination, but it is important to remember that once they start they will come thick and fast.

"Some people work with music, others need silence, some work with a study buddy, others work best alone.

"Perhaps good advice would be to have a varied approach to revision so that it takes much longer to become bored.

"Highlighter pens, flash cards, key words, reading aloud, making up

Don't avoid revision work and you'll beat examination stress



Work placements are beneficial for both students and employers

THERE'S a major benefit for students to get out in the workplace to see just what it's like in the real world.

And organisations like Medway Education Business Partnership can help iron out the inevitable wrinkles in the process.

The head of Medway EBP, Toni Clarke, explained how the process worked.

She said: "Work-related learning, career and enterprise education are all essential to the preparation of young people for transition to adulthood.

"They provide the connection between learning and earning, equipping young people with the knowledge, skills and attributes needed to enter and thrive in the working world.

"Work experience forms in integral part of all students' preparation for work, and is the arguably the most valuable element of any young person's work-related learning programme.

"Work experience complements students' education through the national curriculum and contributes towards an increasing range of approved qualifications."

Every student in Medway is offered a one or two-week block placement in Year 10 or above. Many also undertake specialised placements to support various qualifications, for example, the new 14-19 Diploma, which every student will be entitled to study by 2013.

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It's a combination aimed at encouraging students to develop work-relevant skills along with their abilities in English, maths and ICT and in so doing become 'work-ready' young people when they come out of school, college or university.

Ms Clarke said: "Extended placements of one or two days a week over a period of a term or more, are offered to some students as part of their work-related learning programme, often when they become disenchanted with the curriculum they are following in school.

"Students on vocational courses at Key Stage 4 also benefit from extended placements.

"Employers are becoming increasingly active in supporting young people. As well as the satisfaction of knowing that they're helping youngsters and their teachers, they're also discovering that they can meet targets for their companies' staff development and corporate social responsibility programmes.

"Medway EBP provides a complete service to the schools and employers. For schools, we source and prepare the employers, help prepare the young people, who select opportunities from a vast database that is kept up to date by our five-strong work experience team, we debrief and review with all schools and provide an

annual written report, we keep schools abreast of national developments through a range of break-fast meetings, training events and literature, and are always available for support and advice.

"We provide our employers with an information pack, followed by a visit from our trained health and safety staff, to ensure all legal requirements are followed and the working environment is safe for young people and the employees they will work with.

"Employers are offered health and safety workshops, networking breakfasts, conferences and celebratory events.

"They are increasingly becoming involved in the strategic development of work-related learning locally, for example the Supporting Engineering Education in Kent and Medway group, comprises six local engineering employers who are working collaboratively to support engineering Diploma students – BAE Systems, Delphi Diesel Systems, E.ON, the National Grid, Aylesford Newsprint and ACS Imaging.

"They see the benefits of supporting local schools to ensure that there is a pool of locally grown talent when they come to recruit.

"Without real experiences of the world of work, young people simply cannot gain the skills, abilities and confidence they need to contribute fully to tomorrow's workforce."

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diagrams, rhyme, and pinning key facts up around the house, are all methods of revision that are popular with students.

"It is also vitally important to attempt past papers and be familiar with the kind of questions that might be asked before going into the examination.

"Nothing should be too much of a shock, it is panic that often leads to students doing less well than expected.

"It is a very hard and potentially stressful time of year for students, parents and teachers, but the hard work and effort put in over the next few months will def-

initely be worth it in the end.

"I tell my students that no-one ever regrets working hard, but many regret not doing so.

"The end of the examination period will eventually arise and nothing beats that sheer delight and thrill that comes when a set of public examinations is over.

"Those students who enjoy this the most and have the most to celebrate are those who have put in the most effort, and quite right too.

"We also tell our students to talk about exam worries, stresses and strains over the next few weeks. We have all been there and often talking it through will relieve the pressure."

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Parents are facing crucial changes in special needs education

The system for the education of students with special needs is being changed in the county, and it could have far-reaching implications for some parents.

Here, we ask independent education advisor Peter Read to explain:

"There are major changes ahead in special education needs (SEN) provision in Kent as KCC begins to phase out its SEN units.

These are attached to mainstream schools across the county and offer education to children with particular learning and medical conditions, while giving them the opportunity to benefit from education with mainstream children through integration into some lessons.

Instead, 'lead schools' are being designated in each specialism across the county that will offer support to such children as they are now admitted to all mainstream schools and classes in their area.

This full inclusion of such children has been government policy for many years, but has now been challenged, as it is apparent that it leads to a dilution of specialist teachers, additional strain on teachers in mainstream classes as they come to terms with an even wider range of challenges in their classrooms, and an uncertain future for the quality of education to be provided for the children themselves.

Currently there are primary and secondary school units catering for conditions such as autism, speech, communication and specific learning difficulties including dyslexia, hearing and visual impairment and physical difficulties.

All children currently in units will retain their places.

Pilot areas for the new schemes have been set up in Gravesham, Dartford, Shepway, Ashford and Swanley and a decision will be made to extend the scheme across the remainder of Kent this autumn on the basis of the evaluation of this pilot, although the first children in the pilot will only be affected in September.

It is therefore difficult to see what real experience of how such children fare in mainstream will be available.

The main advantages of the scheme are identified by KCC as: providing more potential to access local provision for



children and young people with SEN; enabling them to benefit from learning with their local peer group; and providing more flexibility to use resources to meet changing needs of children and young people in the locality.

Concerns include: the breaking up of centres of expertise and excellence in these specialisations; the dilution of such skills across schools in the locality; the pressures on teachers in mainstream schools now having to come to terms with a wider range of learning conditions in one classroom and the consequent effect on the learning of other children in that class.

Meanwhile, KoS reported last month that many children coming up to secondary school transfer have found their proposed statements of SEN have been delayed.

The statement spells out educational provision and the school in which it is to be offered, and any delay would cause enormous problems for parents if they wish to challenge the decision.

Such parents will be doubly dismayed if they now find that any hopes of a place in the unit to cater for their child's needs have been dashed."

• Peter J Read
Independent Education Advice
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Early intervention weighty issue of ch

■ BY CHRIS MURPHY

OVERWEIGHT four year olds will be obese 40 year olds. That's the stark truth facing schools and parents right now, says one company that is determined to do something about it.

It claims statistics currently point to that nightmare scenario affecting a worrying 85 per cent of youngsters, unless things change now.

Carnegie Weight Management said it is a real-world warning and has now launched its Carnegie Clubs as an "early intervention" for children.

The research team produced an Obesity Timeline showing that our kids' future BMI can reach levels of 40. That's the same as hitting 20 stone, as tots progress to adulthood.

And, as is commonly known, that could lead to osteoarthritis and depression, through to conditions such as heart disease and diabetes.

Researchers found 50 per cent of parents and healthcare professionals are under-estimating levels of obesity in children, therefore parents need to be equipped with information and services to make better lifestyle choices on their child's behalf.

Empowered

Prof Paul Gately of Carnegie Weight Management said this research should empower families to start to take action to change the course of this predicted path.

He said: "Action at any age can shape a far better outcome for today's 2.8 million obese children.

"What our research shows, however, is the reality that if problems are allowed to develop in children as young as four that progression into adult obesity is more likely and more extreme and will, in many cases, lead to a shorter life.

"Increasingly proactive primary care trusts, such as NHS Doncaster, are addressing the problems by providing Carnegie Clubs, weight management programmes aimed at four year olds and their families.

"If habits are altered early we can reduce adult health implications throughout the rest of their lives – the impact can and mustn't be underestimated."

Kent County Council is also worried about children's future health, and said the success of Kentish Food Week led to a surge of children eating school dinners.

The week was cooked up by KCC to celebrate local cuisine and produce. Menus were sent to Kent's schools, including recipes for dishes such as Kent-reared pork sausages with onions; Appledore chicken pie; oast quiche; gypsy tart; and Kentish huffkins.

Many schools took part and there was an approximate eight per cent increase on meal uptake across the week.



Now education chiefs are set to target the two thirds of schoolchildren in Kent who still eat a packed lunch or perhaps purchase food from a local shop at lunchtimes.

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Professor Paul Gately from Carnegie Weight Management

As part of the Healthy Schools Programme, schools are supported to develop a whole school food policy to address issues such as the types of food

and drink on offer during the day, how food education is taught in the classroom and the types of food to include in a packed lunch.

Mark Sleep, client services manager for children, families and education, said: "The Food Week was a huge success. We are already starting to pull together menus and recipes for this year. But there is still work to be done to make sure packed lunches meet the right standards.

Standards

"There are no government rules about what can or can't be in a packed lunch as there are for school meals, but instead schools should work with parents to develop a local policy.

"A recent survey in fact showed that only one per cent of packed lunches met the same standards as those applied to school meals."

We asked what a decent packed lunch should be, and this is what the experts at KCC suggest.

They said a packed lunch should provide about a third of a child's daily intake – this varies on the age, size and level of activity of each child.

Pack five things:

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clubs tackle child obesity



- a good serving of starchy food, eg thick wholemeal bread, chapatti, pitta, pasta or rice salad
 - plenty of fruit and vegetables, eg an apple, satsuma, handful of cherry tomatoes or carrot sticks, mini-can of fruit chunks in natural juice or small box of raisins
 - milk or dairy, eg individual cheese portion or pot of yogurt
 - a serving of lean meat, fish or alternative, eg ham, chicken, beef, tuna, egg, hummus or bean/lentil salad
 - a drink, eg fruit juice, milk or water
- And Medway Council said it is one of only eight new partnerships in England devoted to training kitchen staff for schools. The scheme will transform the way school cooks develop the skills they need to ensure school meals are of the highest quality, it said.

The Medway School FEAST Partnership, which is being established by the School Food Trust will train kitchen staff for schools to help ensure more children and young people eat a healthy lunch every day.

Medway is offering a wide range of courses for schools in the region, covering everything from food preparation and cooking, food safety and kitchen

management to support work in schools and nationally recognised qualifications at NVQ Level 2 or above.

The training will also help school cooks meet new nutritional standards, which are coming into place in schools across England.

Quality

Medway councillor Les Wicks is portfolio holder for children's services.

He said: "FEAST now enables us to provide more training and career development opportunities for all those people working to deliver a quality food service in Medway schools.

"This will not only raise the profile and expertise of our school meal workforce, but will mean that the quality of school meals will increase to an even higher standard."

And chef Prue Leith, chairwoman of the School Food Trust, added: "School cooks are the unsung heroes – they are responsible for feeding millions of children every day and play a key role in the health and wellbeing of the future generation of adults.

"So I am delighted that Medway Council is leading the way in nurturing the school cooks of the future."

Get online to find the next step after leaving school

Secondary school students across the county are facing up to leaving school and have been choosing their next step in education using a website listing thousands of courses.

Year-11 students can log on to www.kentchoices4u.com which has information about options offered by schools and colleges, as well as apprenticeships in the county.

The site lists hundreds of academic and vocational options, including more than 100 plumbing courses, 512 English courses, 100 bricklaying courses and hundreds of science options.

About 30,000 letters have been sent to parents and Year-11 students across Kent telling them of the benefits of the website.

Young people, parents, carers, teachers and careers guidance workers can use the website to search for courses.

After a student picks a course, the same website can be used to apply to colleges or sixth forms.

KCC cabinet member for children, families and education, Cllr Sarah Hohler, said: "Year 11 is an important year where students look at whether they wish to go to college or a sixth form.

"These are challenging times we live in and it can be daunting for those who have to decide on what subjects to study or what training courses to go on.

"This website will allow students easy access to all the information they need in one place. Students can find the right course for them – from the academic to the vocational, there is something for everyone."

The site is run by Kent County Council, working in partnership with Connexions Partnership Kent & Medway, which provides free impartial and confidential advice, guidance, support and personal development services.

Connexions chief executive, Gordon Bernard, said: "The website makes it easier for young people to make choices, not only about traditional subjects, but also the growing range of work-related qualifications, including apprenticeships, key skills and the new diplomas."

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commissioned by KCC and can also help with these big decisions. The organisation said it offers free impartial information and advice to young people between 13-19 years old, and those up to 25 with learning difficulties and/or disabilities.

They can talk with one of its personal advisers about career options, finding work, staying on in education, training, apprenticeships, work experience or volunteering, as well as issues affecting their health and wellbeing.

They can book an appointment to see someone from Connexions at schools and colleges or drop into one of its town centre Access Points.

For further information about Connexions Kent, go to www.connexionskentandmedway.co.uk or call Freephone 0800 4320207.

Call for teaching applicants to have better qualifications

Education has been through some major changes in recent years, with the introduction of academies and the Diploma.

Modernisation programmes too are starting to take shape, and even important exams are constantly looked at amid annual criticisms of them being too easy.

But one new shake-up is bound to upset a few in the profession while delighting parents – and that's better qualifications for teachers.

A Commons education select committee has decided entry requirements for teacher training in England are just too low and even damage the status of the profession.

The MPs said graduates applying for post-graduate certificate of education courses should have at least a lower second grade at degree level.

And to weed out the poor ones, the MPs said they welcome government plans to require teachers to hold a licence to practise.

They want teaching students to have what they described as a "sound grasp" of the three Rs, plus good IT and communication skills.

And as if that wasn't enough, it is being rumoured teaching should be established as a Masters-level profession some time soon.

The members said the moves are needed to raise the bar across the board.

In a Training of Teachers report they said: "It is of great concern to us that those with no A-levels, or those with just a pass degree, can gain entry to the teaching profession."

The Department for Children, Schools and Families

pointed out those who didn't have the A-levels do hold alternative qualifications, such as advanced GNVQs or the advanced Diploma.

At the end of their courses, teaching students need to pass basic tests set by the Training and Development Agency, but MPs want them to be tougher, and be part of the entry system for the course, not the conclusion.

The report demands government brings supply teachers into the mainstream, saying they are "essential" but neglected.

Plus trainee and newly qualified teachers must have better mentoring and support, they said.

Committee chairman Barry Sheerman MP said: "Recruiting and retaining the best teachers can transform pupil attainment and bring new vision and energy into schools.

"It is not enough to make-do-and-mend existing policies: radical changes must take place.

"Teaching must be seen as an attractive career option for high-achieving individuals.

"Entry requirements should be raised, and there must be better support for teachers once they are in the post.

"A failure to tackle the pressures faced by new teachers risks not only a dearth of teachers from the profession but also lasting damage to the educational experience of pupils. This must not be allowed to happen."

Schools minister Vernon Coaker said teaching and teacher training had been radically transformed over the past decade "to become the number-one career choice for graduates".



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TUTORING

■ BY CHRIS MURPHY

If a child starts falling behind in class, it can potentially damage them for years to come. They may not be able to catch up again, and the stigma of being left behind can be stressful for student, parent and even the teacher.

Sometimes a rapid solution boost is needed, and that's where specialist tutors be useful.

They can bring the student back up to speed, and also help underline what they have already learned in class and even help get them through the 11-plus.

The Tutors Association was founded to help parents make judgments on what their children need by way of help.

Sometimes, tutors are used to help more gifted youngsters rattle through entire courses and beyond if their time in the classroom is too slow. But they can be expensive to use in the long term.

A company called Home Tutors lists prices on its website ranging from £17 an hour for primary lessons, up to more than £20 for degrees and professional courses.

Secondary school education is somewhere in between, but the tutor could add on top around £3 for travel, plus another £5 for an extra pupil, which could make the average payment much more attractive.

But that's just one company, and fees can vary wildly – but £30 an hour is about the highest rate presently in Kent.

Brendan Anderson, the managing director of The Tutors Association, said: "Many parents do get tutors for children to pass the 11-plus. So yes, those children who have tutors can be trained to pass the exam.

"It would be best if primary schools or grammar schools could offer all potential students help in passing the test.

"Home tuition offers children the opportunity to concentrate on their needs for a whole hour, without sharing the expertise of a professional with 30 other students.

One-to-one learning can bring a child up to speed

"Students have excelled in areas they would have not dreamed possible with the chance to learn one to one, the opportunity to address misconceptions as they occur and ask questions without the pressure of their peers around them.

"Home tutors, as experienced teachers, often thrive on the chance to teach one to one and enjoy seeing the benefits of their teaching have immediate effect, rather than seeing a slow change over time in a class.

Influence

"Also, parents can have a much greater influence and degree of communication with the professional teaching their child.

"While the idea of 'extra school work' may seem unpopular with children to begin with, home tutors and parents almost always find that the experience of success in a lesson catered purely for them leads to children wanting to learn more.

"Home tutors often charge £15-30 per hour and while some parents who are thinking of hiring a home tutor may find this expensive, the vast majority who have will argue they are worth their weight in gold."

He added: "In my own experience of tutoring I have found that the most rewarding factor is rebuilding a rift between parents and their children.

"Often communication in the home can break down as children become disengaged with learning and parents pressure them to improve in a subject they don't always fully understand.

"Teaching styles in schools have changed greatly in a generation, leading to misunderstanding. Tutors, as qualified and experienced teachers, can explain the problems, design solutions and leave the household with smiles on faces."

For more information on tutors in Kent, visit www.thetutorsassociation.co.uk.

Education for Kent

Pupils take on business roles

SETTING up and running a real company with real money and objectives is a brilliant way for students to learn how to do business.

Now Medway Education Business Partnership has set up a new project to support young people's enterprise skills development and help prepare them for work.

Young Dragons supports secondary school students who want to run their own company, with support from Business Enterprise volunteers; people from the world of work who share their time and expertise through regular meetings, usually one or two hours a week.

Medway Education Business Partnership (MEBP) briefs and trains the volunteers.

The companies the students run are real in every sense; they float shares, open bank accounts, take on business roles, decide on which products and/or services they wish to provide, and participate in trade fairs.

MEBP boss Toni Clarke said: "The need for the project became increasingly apparent when existing programmes in Kent grew prohibitively expensive for many schools.

"The new project is sponsored by a large number of organisations including MEBP, Medway Council, Kent County Council, and employers including Amphenol Ltd, Ward Security, Demelza House Children's Hospice, Keith Turnbull Photography, Orchard Accountants, Navigator Productions, Rochester Print Finishers and Lloyds TSB.

"It is the intention of the project steering group to ensure that, through ongoing sponsorship, participation will continue to be free to schools.

"Next year we hope to open the project up to all Kent schools."

Anyone considering becoming a Business Enterprise Volunteer, willing to sponsor the project or just wanting more information, can contact Toni Clarke on 01634 204995.

Training our future athletes

AN £11m project to create the Medway Park centre of sporting excellence provides opportunities for students and pupils of all ages.

The University of Kent has invested £3m in the development to create a state-of-the-art sports centre and sports therapy centre.

It includes lecture suites and seminar rooms and provides students with the opportunity to work with athletes and members of the public.

The Park is also the venue for the new Medway Sporting Academy and a number of Mini Youth Games events.

The Medway Sporting Academy provides a pathway to excellence for Medway's young athletes and unearths future generations of sporting stars.

It identifies 80 primary school-aged children each year who demonstrate the most potential based on tests of core skills including speed, reactions, agility and co-ordination.

They attend monthly sessions at Medway Park to develop the skills with expert coaches.

Using local clubs, they can get more instruction on how to best channel their abilities.

The Medway Games can help here too, by harnessing the enthusiasm generated by the 2012 Games to encourage sports participation.

Medway Council runs a number of programmes to develop young leaders through sport. The two sports leadership courses provide opportunities for teenagers.

The Sports Development team also trains young leaders to achieve national governing body qualifications.

The Medway Festival of Sport is another stand-out event. Sports development officer John Hatchett said: "The festival aims to recognise all that is good about sport in Medway."

Tom sails ahead with sporting achievements

Tom Lambert is a perfect example of the sporting diversity available in Medway – he was voted RYA South-East Young Sailor of the Year 2009.

Tom, 18, from Rochester, received the award at the London International Boat Show from sailing legend Ben Ainslie (pictured), a previous winner.

It recognises the outstanding achievements of young sailors across the country.

Tom is not only a keen competitive sailor at Wilsonian Sailing Club, based at Rochester, but has also made major contributions to his club and the local community by organising sponsored events raising £2,000 for Children in Need.

He also gained a £10,000 Youth Opportunity grant for his club to buy four new boats for junior and adult training.

He has earned his Sports Leader Award, is a qualified dinghy instructor and played a major part in a link-up with

Thomas Aveling School to set up regular training sessions, as well as instructing at after-school sessions.

Tom completed Medway Council's sports leadership programme that recognises the hard work and commitment of 16 to 18-year-olds who completed a 10-month youth development programme run by the council's Sports Development Team.

The course gives young people the chance to develop their confidence, motivation and skills through a series of activities, including a six-day activity course in Dartmoor National Park.

They take part in regular sporting activities including abseiling, rock climbing, sailing and skiing.

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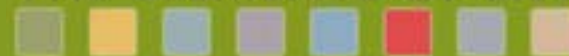
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HIGHER EDUCATION

Education for Kent

■ BY CHRIS MURPHY

CHRIST Church University in Canterbury says alternative revenue streams will help it overcome swingeing new government cuts.

The Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE), warns thousands of people could miss out on university places because of cuts in budgets for teaching, research and capital.

Business minister Lord Mandelson wants savings of £135 million on top of recent efficiency cuts of £180m.

Slashing the budget will result in another 75,000 students missing out on a university place on top of last year's 160,000.

That's the warning from Professor Steve Smith, president of the vice-chancellors' group Universities UK.

He said the cuts will have a major impact on the quality of teaching and increase competition for university places.

He said: "Last year about 160,000 students who applied didn't end up going to university."

"This year, we already know that there are about another 75,000 applying for university."

"So the number of students who go to university will be less than the number who actually want to go and thus there will be a lot of students this year who do not get a place at university."

The HEFCE said: "The main purpose of this announcement is for the sector to be able to plan. We are issuing something that has a lot more detail this year, because of the current financial situation, because of the extra pressures."

While the vice chancellor of Christ Church said he was "disappointed" by the budget reductions, he said the university would manage, thanks to money coming in from other sources.

Prof Michael Wright said: "The cuts represent about three of four per cent in the amount of money available for each student."

"Each university is different and our intake of students will actually be going up this year, from 16,700 to around 17,000, but will then level off over the next few years subject to any future budgets."

"What comes to us from the Higher

Universities won't be sunk by Whitehall's cuts, say professors



Education Funding Council is significant, but is not the only work we are doing.

"We also work with the National Health Service from the training of nurses and radiographers and all sorts of other professional disciplines."

"That work is not funded through the HEFCE but through the NHS."

"Similarly we do a lot of education of teachers through the Training and Development Agency and the students pay for their positions too, as do international students."

"The money from the council is an important element to our funding, but it is only one element."

However, Prof Wright was still not happy about the cuts.

He said: "We are professional people and we accept that government makes these decisions."

"We wish it wasn't so but I am not entirely surprised given the context of the last couple of years of recession. It is a disappointment but we will deal with it as professionally as we can."

Higher education minister David Lammy said: "We are now confident that HEFCE can achieve these [savings] in a way that minimises the impact on teaching and students, as we asked for in our recent grant letter."

He added: "Over the past decade, the government has invested record amounts in higher education – around 25 per cent more than 1997 – and there are now more students than ever before in our history attending university, and the ratio of lecturers to students is higher today than it was even five years ago."

Whatever your interest, there's a course for you

ADULT education courses are now so numerous the biggest problem is choosing what to pick.

Most people know the major academic subjects are covered, along with the old stalwarts of pottery and cake making.

But what about assertiveness? Or teaching assistant programmes. Perhaps law may be of interest?

Even life coaching is catered for now in classes from Kent County Council.

In fact if there is nothing in Kent, other parts of the country are bound to be able to cater for you.

A government spokesman said: "There are almost a million courses available in the UK, so there's bound to be one to suit your needs. Many courses are aimed at complete beginners and have no entry requirements – other than a willingness to learn."

"A course can boost your chances of getting on at work, or finding a new job. Many courses also lead to a qualification"

A spokesman for KCC said: "Our self-development programme provides a range of opportunities designed to help you to develop as a person, gain confidence in your everyday life and in new activities or to improve your employment prospects."

There is a five-week course costing £40 in

filmmaking, plus another for 10 weeks called history of cinema. That costs £76.

There are studies for deaf people, lip reading at various levels, food safety, creative writing, script writing for TV and radio.

You can even get a taster in to how to become an actor.

In Canterbury, they have a 20-week course looking at Mayhem, Madness and Monstrosity.

And if you want to sort the real from the fake, try attending science and pseudo-science for six weeks.

The spokesman said: "Our courses can help you to develop a hobby, like painting and drawing, sculpture, pottery, silver-smithing and embroidery, Pilates and dance."

"We also offer a range of more unusual courses such as falconry, canoeing and climbing."

The council said employers are welcome to get in touch to 'up-skill' staff which in some cases can be done free under Skills Plus, and courses can be tailor made.

KCC is a Train to Gain training provider offering NVQs in supporting teaching and learning in schools, customer service, ITQ, children's care, learning and development and playwork.

Visit www.kentadulthoodeducation.co.uk.

The Government's Report Card scheme gets a low mark from teaching union

THE proposed American-style Report Card system for schools where they are ranked on a whole host of criteria has not been welcomed by teachers.

The government has suggested it would be a better system to rate schools from 2011 based on things like behaviour, attendance and take-up of sport, as well as academic performance.

The better the performance, the better grade the school gets.

But teachers are worried about the Government's proposal.

According to new research, 37 per cent of the profession are against it, with just 30 per cent for it.

The rest ticked the 'don't know' box in the research by the National Foundation for Educational Research.

Schools Secretary Ed Balls announced plans for the School Report Card last year and it is part of a pill going through Parliament at the moment.

Some 93 per cent of teachers do believe pupil progress is the most important measure that should be included on the card.

And 91 per cent want to see behaviour included and 90 per cent would like well-being in there.

Chris Keates, general secretary of the NASUWT, the largest teachers' union, said: "The outcome of the survey comes as no surprise."

"The Report Card is in its early stages of development with much of the detail still to be worked out."

"In that context, teachers who already feel overburdened by the school accountability regime will therefore, understandably and rightly, be reluctant to embrace what they clearly perceive as yet another measure being added to it and more pressure being heaped upon them."

"To gain teacher support for the Report Card, ministers must make it clear that it will not place any additional burdens on individual teachers, that it will be a fair indicator of school performance across the whole range of school activity and that it will replace the outmoded and discredited performance league tables, which place schools and teachers under unacceptable and unnecessary pressure."

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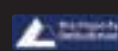


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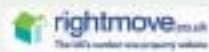
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Rhys Cottage is a detached property built of brick with flint facing to the front elevation under a tiled roof. It was originally three farm cottages before being converted into a single dwelling with a conservatory.

The property has also been extended along the rear, creating a good marriage between old and new.

The cottage keeps its original charm and character, including inglenook fireplace and beamed ceilings and uprights.

A detached double garage stands to the side, with electronic up-and-over doors and steps to a store area or games room.

Rhys Cottage stands in a pretty and good-sized garden and enjoys wonderful rural views across open farmland.



The garden is well stocked with a neat lawn and tidy borders occupied by various shrubs and flowers.

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She says: "I was very lucky to be working in the golden era. We were all under contract. It was like a university. We got to be very good friends with each other and remained friends through the years."

"Fred Astair, Cary Grant... these people would be just walking around the lot."

Ms Reynolds's stories and impressions really do bring to life the screen legends. Her collection of memorabilia is not just physical, and anyone who knows and appreciates the power of tinselly magic should take this opportunity to see an all-singing, all-dancing display of golden era history.

• **Debbie Reynolds will be Alive and Fabulous on Saturday, April 10, at 7.30pm at the Assembly Hall in Tunbridge Wells. For tickets, priced at £29.50, call 01892 530613.**

"I want to get Johnny Depp's pirate outfit – the wig and all the bracelets. And something from Titanic."

Ms Reynolds says that it is harder these days to come by film memorabilia. "When I brought originally, it was at auction. Studios were falling apart and I was able to buy. Today it's harder to buy from independent productions before they sell or give them away."

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THERE'S sushi, and then there's sushi. In the first place it can be a bit intimidating for many people, as the idea of eating raw fish is a barrier.

Sushi, though, actually means topped rice, and can be of many more varieties than just uncooked seafood.

Then there is the price – only the best and freshest fish should be used, with the most premium cuts. Factor in the relative rarity of some of the other ingredients, plus the wages of a properly trained sushi master, and the cost becomes prohibitive.

Dining in one of London's top Japanese restaurants can be a wallet-breaking experience, however delicious.

In recent years there has been a democratisation of sushi, with the emergence of Yo Sushi restaurants where small plates of prepared sushi are presented on a conveyor belt.

Each diner grabs what they fancy and the waiter tots up the number of empty plates to calculate the bill. More affordable, but with a truncated choice – nobody picks the lonely dishes that have travelled too many laps – forcing a trend towards little other than tuna and salmon maki rolls.

There is also the lunchbox sushi now found in cafés and supermarkets. Evolved from the Japanese bento box via the California-style sushi of alternative ingredients such as crabsticks and avocado, these



bear the same resemblance to the real thing as a frozen TV dinner does to your mum's best Sunday roast. Rice topped with dried out smoked mackerel and roasted peppers or rolls filled with tuna mayonnaise are not sushi.

But there is a way to eat the real thing, freshly prepared and at an affordable price – in small, often family run, café-style places. Best of all, there is one in Tunbridge Wells.

Kitsu, on the unassuming Victoria Road behind the Royal Victoria Place shopping centre, is a bit of a gem.

It's tiny, with just a handful of tables, just like most Tokyo sushi bars. Definitely a café feeling, nothing fancy or designed, indeed it could almost be a clean greasy spoon.

The welcome is genuine and smiling and the menu divided into starters, noodles both soup and dry, and dishes such as katsu curry that will be familiar to anyone who has been to Wagamama and other chains.

But it's the sushi that appeals – a short but comprehensive list of nigiri (blocks of rice with a topping), maki (rolls wrapped in nori seaweed), and the fancier temaki cones.

There is a short sashimi list – this is the unadorned raw fish that is such a wonderful surprise the first time you try it – and a choice of bento boxes containing a selection of sushi and tempura fritters.

My Mixed Sushi Set (£15) is really enough for two to share but gives a wide selection of different items. The rice is precisely cooked and seasoned, and the fish, shellfish, eggs and vegetable toppings and fillings are all pristine and fresh.

Critically, it is served at the right temperature – conveyor belt sushi gets sweaty, and the supermarket stuff has its flavour destroyed by over chilling – Kitsu gets it just right. I am particularly taken by the California-style urimaki (rice rolled round crab, omelette and avocado) topped with flying fish roe and the delectable hamachi tuna. But it's all good.

Accompanied by a marvellously light and savoury salad of wakame seaweed, cabbage and edamame beans (£3) and the traditional bowl of miso soup (£1.50), it's washed down with a freshly prepared apple and lime juice (£2). This is a fine lunch, and very good value.

If you are a sushi aficionado, then you should be happy here. If you've never tried it, then this is the place to start – the people who work here are truly lovely and will happily guide any beginner. Forget the unfamiliar terms and scary ingredients and treat yourself at Kitsu.

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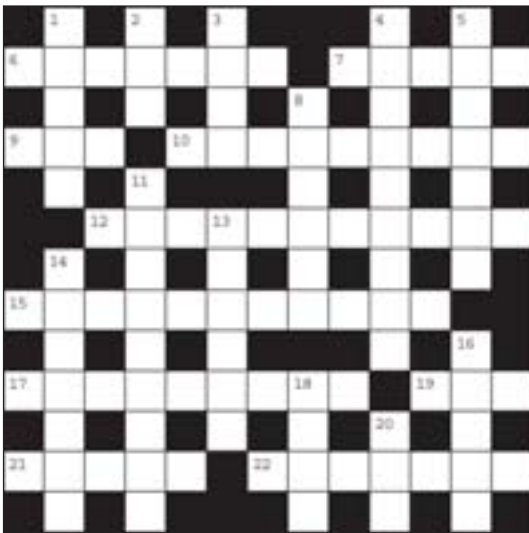
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CRYPTIC CLUES

Across

- 6. Vessel of less tonnage, perhaps (7)
- 7. Many people – a line between 100 and 500 (5)
- 9. Drink to knock back in 12 (3)
- 10. Awfully nice tip in beginning (9)
- 12. Stronghold taken every evening, or every 14 days (11)
- 15. Having the right view-point, perhaps, being square (5-6)
- 17. Paper got it wrong; dunderhead went after chicken, causing arrest (9)
- 19. Where the accused can get a drink? (3)
- 21. Eccentric engine part? (5)
- 22. Compunction about code (7)

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Down

- 1. A number do so to the garden (5)
- 2. This article is seen in Sutherland (3)
- 3. Eager to be sharp (4)
- 4. There's a rowing crew in this cargo vessel (9)
- 5. One of like pair of funny elk sparkle (7)
- 8. Not a thrashing to be open about (6)
- 11. Troubling the pair of them to give egghead a tinkle (9)
- 13. Shy rat reforms, and becomes worthless (6)
- 14. Little boys who pinch? (7)
- 16. Respite father could do with (5)
- 18. Require some fine editions (4)
- 20. A squabble after 19 produced a cart (3)

QUICK CLUES

Across

- 6. Disintegrate (7)
- 7. Daub (5)
- 9. Extremely expert (3)
- 10. Inactive (9)
- 12. Blessing (11)
- 15. Ancestor (11)
- 17. In utter want (9)
- 19. Anger (3)
- 21. Giver (5)
- 22. Artist (7)

Down

- 1. Couple (5)
- 2. Little devil (3)
- 3. Otherwise (4)
- 4. Copy (9)
- 5. Soldier (7)
- 8. Negligent (6)
- 11. Ruin (9)
- 13. Stimulate (6)
- 14. Liberty (7)
- 16. Command (5)
- 18. Salver (4)
- 20. Tavern (3)

CRYPTIC SOLUTIONS 376: Across: 7 Marriage banns; 8 Analysts; 9 Gags; 10 Stayed; 12 Red Sea; 14 Scream; 16 Sesta; 18 Tale; 20 Canadian; 22 Radioactivity. Down: 1 Magnetic; 2 Orally; 3 Lass; 4 Desserts; 5 Ragged; 6 Snug; 11 Democrat; 13 Extracts; 15 Eucalypt; 17 Endive; 19 Away; 21 Note. QUICK SOLUTIONS 377: Across: 6 Crumble; 7 Smeary; 9 Ace; 10 Sedentary; 12 Benediction; 15 Predecessor; 17 Destitute; 19 Ire; 21 Donor; 22 Painter. Down: 1 Brace; 2 Imp; 3 Else; 4 Imitation; 5 Warrior; 8 Remiss; 11 Perdition; 13 Excite; 14 Freedom; 16 Order; 18 Tray; 20 Inn.

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Women seeking men

FUN-TO-BE-WITH, football-loving, blonde female, 25, 5ft2, enjoys going out and staying in, looking for a like-minded man, to be her soulmate. Box 446494 T**X**T

27-YEAR-OLD female, 5ft8, medium-curved body, N/S, enjoys reading, painting, cinema, walks, WLTM tall, attractive male, 23-32, for friendship, maybe LTR. Box 442644 T**X**T

BLUE-EYED brunette, 27, 5ft1, loves films, walking, darts, pool, singing, the time! Looking for honest guy with GSOH, to get to know. Box 880105 T**X**T

SOCIAL lady, 29, likes walks, swimming, vGSOH, like to meet a man, 30-55 for lots of fun. Brighton. Box 463984 T**X**T

LOVING single mum, 29, shoulder length black hair, brown eyes, 5ft3, slim and sexy, part-time carer, looking for reliable, loving male. Canterbury. Box 464326 T**X**T

SINGLE mum, 33, divorced, looking to meet a male who enjoys walks, going out, time in and out and much more. Maidstone. Box 464835 T**X**T

CARING, loving, affectionate female, 30, 5'2", blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 384013 T**X**T

ATTRACTIVE, fun-loving female, 35, 5'4", size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, tactile, WLTM intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship. Tunbridge Wells. Box 308734 T**X**T

PRINCESS Fiona, 34, looking to meet her Shrek. 5ft8, short brown/blonde hair, blue eyes, large build, seeks romantic caring guy for friendship, maybe more! Box 877957 T**X**T

HELLO I'm Andrea, 35, petite 5ft3, shoulder length curly hair, I enjoy eating out, cinema and I'm looking for friendship and possible long term relationship. Box 453039 T**X**T



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Men seeking women

6FT2IN, dark hair, brown eyes, fun to be round, 19, like going for a drink or two also sitting in and watching whatever is on. Box 854602

DECENT outgoing lad, 19, likes sports, keeping fit, drinks with mates, meals, holidays, travel, theatre...seeking similar girl for loving romance. Box 455724 T**X**T

EASYGOING, genuine fun loving male, 27, dark hair, medium build, I love clubbing, cinema and travelling. Would love to hear from you. Kent. Box 859052

KIND and caring man, 29, looking for LTR with a real romantic, GSOH, kind, caring and honest, sharing good times and sharing cosy nights in. Sittingbourne. Box 872069 T**X**T

KENT-BASED male, 25, blond/blue, into clubbing, going out, tennis, football, seeks female, 20s, for friendship and more. Box 127012

NICE guy, 33, 5ft9, slim, likes bike rides and pubs, looking for a nice female for a good relationship. Sittingbourne. Box 465279 T**X**T

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BUBBLY, happy, outgoing 41yr old female, enjoy life to the full, like writing, walking, watching DVDs, WLTM like-minded, happy-go-lucky, clean male for friendship and more. Box 459271 T**X**T

SINGLE, Asian lady, 41, living in Tunbridge Wells, I'm easygoing and fun loving and WLTM single male to spend time with. Box 465481 T**X**T

HARD working PA, 43, single mum, grey-green-blue eyes, loves socialising and enjoying life, seeks loyal, honest male to find love with. Sittingbourne. Box 461037 T**X**T

SINGLE mum, 42, from Ashford, 5ft8, dark hair/eyes, likes wine bars, pubs, days out and keeping fit, looking for a caring and fun-loving gent, 5ft9+. Box 461129 T**X**T

HELLO, I'm Karen, 42, dark brown hair, medium build, GSOH, looking for a man with no issues and GSOH who can enjoy life with me. Box 452204 T**X**T

GOOD-LOOKING brunette from Kent, 43, 5ft10, likes bowling, eating in/out etc. Looking for a good-looking guy, 35-45, with GSOH for friendship/relationship. Box 450348 T**X**T

ATTRACTIVE single mum of 2, 43yrs old, 5ft11, medium build, GSOH, likes cooking, spending time with family & animals. WLTM fun loving, kind, genuine man. Kent. Box 855182 T**X**T

Hi there, I'm female, 43, 5ft6, medium build, long dark hair/green eyes. I enjoy cinema, eating out and I'm WLTM genuine, caring, loving male. Chatham. Box 466612 T**X**T

PETITE, slim, honey-blond lady, 5'4" age 44, enjoys the seaside and horse-racing. Looking for a dark-haired, genuine, honest and professional man, 25-50 in Brighton. Box 458465 T**X**T

ATTRACTIVE, curvy single mum, 44, kind, genuine, loyal and loving, seeking a man with similar qualities to share my life with. St Leonards-on-Sea. Box 459128 T**X**T

FIT and healthy woman, average build. I'm 44, young looking and love animals. I would love to meet a sincere fella to spend time with. Maidstone. Box 466419 T**X**T

YOUNG mid 40s female, looking to meet a genuine single male for friendship and eventual long term relationship. Rochester. Box 855449 T**X**T

BUBBLY female, 44, brunette, N/S, medium/large build, enjoys singing and theatre. Would love to meet a decent fun-loving guy, similar age, pref non-smoker for LTR. Box 445955 T**X**T

AFRICAN lady, full figured and radiant! I'm a Christian, 46, 5ft5, attractive, caring and intelligent and enjoy jazz, travel, theatre. WLTM decent, white male, Gillingham. Box 466617 T**X**T

FUN-LOVING gal, 47, dark hair/eyes, attractive, looking for a similar male to enjoy nights out and good conversation. Gillingham. Box 854480 T**X**T

HUMBLE lady, 47, GSOH, down to earth, non-smoker, enjoys life, likes meals and days out, seeks a life-loving guy to enjoy a meal with. Rochester. Box 466296 T**X**T

YOUNG 46, attractive, fun-loving female, looking for someone fit, handsome, intelligent, full of fun, sexy, worldly. Man to share everything that life has to offer. Box 884113 T**X**T

MAIDSTONE female, 47, looking for someone just for initial company and friendship. Many interests including gardening, cooking and shopping. Box 464973 T**X**T

YOUNG-LOOKING 46yr old female, 5ft4, slim, blonde, non-smoker, affectionate, loyal, caring, seeking a male, 40-45, up to 5ft7, to share life with. Ashford/Maidstone area please. Box 44938 T**X**T

AFRICAN lady, 47, honest, loving, seeking a man with similar qualities to share my life with. St Leonards-on-Sea. Box 460999 T**X**T

FEMALE, 48, divorced and happy, 5ft7, looking for genuine man, laughter, sincerity, smart, kind, tall honest man, age under 49 and over 30 at most. Maidstone. Box 866380 T**X**T

CARING, cute female, 46, petite, likes socialising, dancing, travelling, good food, seeking intelligent, loyal man 42-52 for love and TLC. Sittingbourne. Box 444866 T**X**T

EASYGOING lady, 46, dark brown hair/blue eyes, medium build, likes life, socialising, the seaside, walks, drinks, WLTM male to share a bottle of wine with. Box 444586 T**X**T

EASYGOING woman, likes most things in life: country walks, films, cinema, cooking. I'm 46, 5ft2, medium build, WLTM genuine, happy guy easygoing and fun. Box 445635 T**X**T

PETITE blonde, young 49, loving, caring, enjoy music, walking, theatre dining in/out, looking for friendship and more with a genuine, caring and honest man. Rochester. Box 854822 T**X**T

PRETTY, young-looking, slender woman, 49, dark-haired seeks reliable gentleman, 25-49 for a loving relationship. Rochester. Box 460686 T**X**T

DIVORCED single mum, 49, 5ft4, small lover, happy go lucky, likes quiet drinks and cinema, looking for a man for friendship, maybe a LTR. Ashford. Box 464557 T**X**T

CURVY woman, 49, 5ft10, I enjoy being by the sea, music, walks, meals out, cinema, crosswords and reading. Seeking kind, caring man in the Maidstone area. Box 466608 T**X**T

OUTGOING lady, 50, enjoys walks along the beach, nights out and in with a quiet bottle of wine, seeks a man to love forever. Box 449524 T**X**T

PETITE, brunette, bubbly, friendly, easygoing single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things, WLTM genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 893562 T**X**T

FEMALE 49, 5ft4, long hair, slim build, likes eating out, the beach, seeks a friendly chap, 48-55. Hastings. Box 471100 T**X**T

SHORT 51yr old professional lady, likes history, films and reading, seeking a genuine gent, 45-58, with GSOH to enjoy evenings out, stimulating conversations and fun. Box 452311 T**X**T

VERY honest, reliable and trustworthy person, 52, 5ft7, blonde with blue eyes, loves cinema, meals out and nights out, seeking sociable male with same interests.. Ashford. Box 466150 T**X**T

HAPPY-GO-LUCKY lady, 53, 5ft3, slim, blonde-brown hair, blue eyes looking for a tall, honest guy, for love and laughter and happy times. South Kent. Box 464601 T**X**T

LOOKING for that special person, I'm a genuine lady, 54 but don't feel I'd like to meet someone to love and care for. Canterbury. Box 857551 T**X**T

YOUNG-LOOKING, hard-working 53yr old living in East Sussex. I am a happy, caring person with a good sense of humour. Non-smoker. Heathfield. Box 883410 T**X**T

CURVY & cuddly, outgoing, friendly, honest female, 53, 5ft7, larger build, fair hair, likes socialising, country walks, theatre, cinema, music, swimming, WLTM similar loving male. Box 443642 T**X**T

JIVIAL, caring female, 51, 5'3", brown hair, hazel eyes, own business, WLTM nice, tall, good looking gent for laughter, life and love. Box 926614 T**X**T

PROFESSIONAL, attractive female, 54, enjoys the countryside, gardening, keeping fit, reading and live music, looking to meet an attractive and intelligent man for a relationship. Box 446883 T**X**T

SMART petite lady, 56, 5ft4, tall, blonde hair, green eyes, likes restaurants, theatre, cinema, travel abroad; seeking happy guy with similar interests. Box 448795 T**X**T

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POSITIVE woman, 60, independent but sociable, I'm 5ft4, red hair/green eyes, slim build, hythe, I enjoy art and walks, seeking similar intelligent man, lively, reliable. Box 464002 T**X**T

HONEST & sincere female, 58, tall, GSOH, loves country pubs, coasts, cinema, seeking a man who's a match for me with GSOH for relationship. Box 441622 T**X**T

Hi my name's Christine, 59, 5'9", slim build, wear glasses, likes live music, theatre, playing darts, looking for slim build male, for friendship, possible more. Box 419914 T**X**T

59YR old young-at-heart, loving woman, I am hoping to meet a kind-spirited spirit who loves animals, good for walks and the romantic side of life. Box 900143 T**X**T

CUDDLY lady, 61, 5ft5, blonde, likes swimming, country pubs, cinema and much more. WLTM tallish single man to hopefully brighten each others lives. Box 870214 T**X**T

OUTGOING lady, active, 60, tolerant, open-minded, loves life animals and genuine people, seeks a sincere man for romance. Margate. Box 865760 T**X**T

EARLY 60s lady, 52", blonde, blue eyes, likes affection, meals out, cinema, looking for a loving, non-smoking gent in the Brighton area. Box 466036 T**X**T

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TALL, slim, non-smoking male, Kent area. I'm 58 and enjoy playing the piano, walking, eating out. WLTM nice, non-smoking lady with similar interests. Box 466485 T**X**T

TALL, slim, non-smoking male, Kent area. I'm 58 and enjoy playing the piano, walking, eating out. WLTM nice, non-smoking lady with similar interests. Box 446794 T**X**T

Hi I'm male, 62, an ex fireman. South East Kent, 6ft2, stocky build, retired, I like walks, pets, cooking, cinema, meals in and out. Box 455977 T**X**T

68YR old chap, looking for a woman of similar age for love and affection. I enjoy going to the pub and socialising. Box 466592 T**X**T

KIND intelligent man, 52, 5ft7, average build, grey-green eyes, enjoys reading, walks and meeting people, WLTM similar attributed lady for friendship, maybe more? Folkestone. Box 465867 T**X**T

KIND upbeat male, 52, looking for a nice lady who's loyal and genuine and honest like myself, with many varied interests. Maidstone. Box 458618 T**X**T

ASHFORD man, 54, brown hair/blue eyes, 5ft4, divorced-grown up daughter, enjoy walking, days in/out, quiet drink and football, looking for an educated female, 40-60. Box 465231 T**X**T

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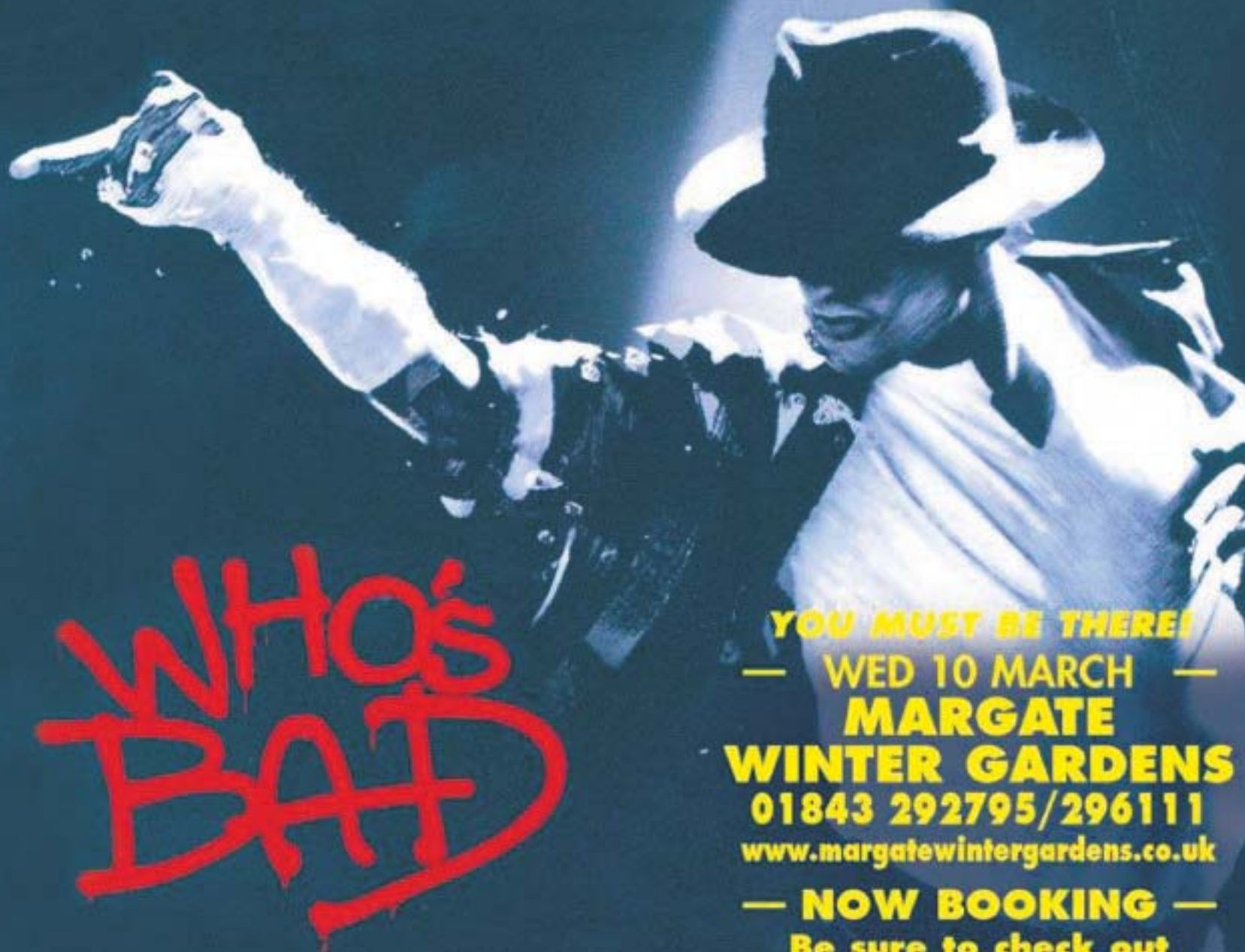


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The deadline for applications is Friday 26th March.

Enquiries or visits to the Academy are welcome.

Please contact Jennifer Spooner, HR Manager, on direct telephone number 01843 598550 or email clare.smithkent@hays.com to apply

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For an informal discussion please contact *Rishi Sharma on 01634 353515*

Closing date: Friday 19 March 2010

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Meadow Road, Gravesend, Kent DA11 7LS

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Assistant to the Parish Clerk

Folkstone
Salary: £16,054 - £18,453 pro rata
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application form contact Tina Wiles at Clerk@hawkingepc.org.uk Closing date for applications is Friday 19 March 2010
To apply/more information: Hawkinge Parish Council Quoting Job Ref: kos Email Clerk@hawkingepc.org.uk

PA/EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Kent
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Maidstone
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To apply/more information: Wilmoths Quoting Job Ref: kos Email service@wilmothsmaidstone.citroen.co.uk

Vehicle Sales Administrator

Welling
Salary: TBA
 Vehicle Sales Administrator Required for our Welling branch preferably with previous experience or knowledge of Kerridge/ ADP computer system. An enquiring and accurate approach with initiative will be needed for this

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Veterinary Nurse/ Receptionist

Medway
Salary: TBA
 Veterinary Nurse/ Receptionist, work involves reception, surgery and cleaning. Mon7.45-12.30, Tues& Wed 11-6.30, Alternate Fri am/pm and one weekend in 4 (sat 8.45-12 & Sun 9-12) No on call/phones. Prefer with vet nursing experience or RVN, local, good PR and computer experience. Start feb Ralph Chambers & Associates, Parkwood green, kent, phone 01634 239335 between 3-4 pm
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Closing Date: 15 March 2010
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Tunbridge Wells
Salary: TBA
 Based in Tunbridge Wells we are looking to appoint an Administrator, Coordinator Assistant to MD in retail warehouse. Duties and responsibilities to include: Advertising, Printing & Stationery, Vehicle & Plant Maintenance Records, Health & Safety, Stock Control, Personnel Management, Customer Services, Staff Training, Secretarial Duties, Manager Support, Updating Website, Property Maintenance, Research. Future duties will include long term company development. Ideally this position may suit an intern, management trainee and will initially be for a trial period of 6 months. There are very good long term prospects. The applicant will from time to time be expected to travel to London and work some flexible hours. UK Driving licence essential. Please forward a short CV with an indication of expected salary and availability to start to associated.logistics@live.co.uk
To apply/more information: Associated Logistics Quoting Job Ref: kos Email associated.logistics@live.co.uk

Catering, Hospitality

Part Time Cook

Tunbridge Wells
Salary: TBA
 BIRCHWOOD HOUSE REST HOME A small friendly Residential Home requires:- Team Leader Bank Care Assistant Part Time Cook Contact Manager on 01892 863559
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Mid-day Supervisor

Maidstone
Salary: TBA
 Mid-day Supervisor Required for small village school. Immediate start, subject to necessary safeguarding checks. Contact Helen Randall (Secretary) 01732 822803
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Chef

Faversham
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Activities Leader

Tunbridge Wells
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To apply/more information: Cicero Language International Ltd Quoting Job Ref: kos Email academic@cicero.co.uk

Construction, Architecture, Surveyors

LABOURER

Maidstone
Salary: TBA
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To apply/more information: Pembury Group Quoting Job Ref: kos Tel: 01480 474400 Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

BRICKLAYERS and HODDIES

Dover
Salary: TBA
 BRICKLAYERS & HODDIES required for site in Dover as soon as possible. Must have current CSCS card, also CRB checks will be required. Please call 07538 064622
To apply/more information: JKS Brickwork Contractors Ltd Quoting Job Ref: kos Tel: 07538 064622 Email kim@jks-group.co.uk

Domestic

OFFICE CLEANERS - Stourmouth

Kent
Salary: £12pw
 OFFICE CLEANERS NEEDED Stourmouth Fri 18:00 - 19:30 £12pw Barham Mon - Fri 08:00 - 09:00 £30pw Please call 01622 882492
To apply/more information: Minster Cleaning Services Quoting Job Ref: kos Tel: 01622 882492 Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

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Cleaning Staff

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To apply/more information: Royal School for Deaf Children Quoting Job Ref: kos Tel: 01843 227561 Email hr@royalschoolfordeaf.kent.sch.uk

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR

Tunbridge Wells
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 Bidborough CEP School, Spring Lane, Bidborough, Tunbridge Wells TN3 0UE Required: 2 workers for a new After-School Club Knowledge of Health & Safety and Child Protection procedures in an After School Club required. The school is committed to safeguarding the well-being of its children. CRB checks and references will be required. SUPERVISOR 25 hours per week/38 weeks per year, £8.88 ph. Minimum of NVQ Level 3 qualification or equivalent in Playwork development. DEPUTY SUPERVISOR 20 hours per week/38 weeks per year, £7.99 ph. Minimum of NVQ Level 2 qualification or equivalent in Playwork development. For further details, phone 01892 529333 or email office@bidborough.kent.sch.uk
To apply/more information: Bidborough Primary School Quoting Job Ref: kos Tel: 01892 529333 Email office@bidborough.kent.sch.uk

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Director of Learning

Aylesford
Salary: Leadership Scale Points 5 - 9
Closing Date: 16th March 2010
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 Completed application forms should be accompanied by a letter of application including how your experience to date will contribute to the School and specially this developing role. This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.
To apply/more information: Jill McKenna Aylesford School - Sports College Quoting Job Ref: kos Tel: 01622 717341 Email jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk

To apply/more information: St George's CoE School Quoting Job Ref: kos Tel: 01474 533082 Email dharivaj@saintgeorgescofe.kent.sch.uk

TEACHING ASSISTANTS

Medway
Salary: £15,039 - £19,126 PRO-RATA
Closing Date: 19.3.10
 We are currently looking for... TEACHING ASSISTANTS TO JOIN AND ENHANCE OUR LARGE AND EXPANDING, HIGH CALIBRE TEAM. MEDWAY SCALE, GRADE D2 £15,039 - £19,126 PRO-RATA + SEN ALLOWANCE (£1,177) Are you committed, motivated and enthusiastic? Does 'Every Child Matter' to you? Can you make a difference? If so, share your talents and expertise with us. Abbey Court is located on 2 sites; Rainham (Primary) and Strood (Secondary and Further Education), and caters for pupils aged 4-19 with severe learning difficulties. Working hours are 32.5 p/w, term time only. Previous experience and/or NNEB (or equivalent) qualifications preferred. Comprehensive training and induction will be provided. Due to the conditions and complex needs of the pupils at Abbey Court School, continuity and consistency of support is paramount and therefore candidates for all positions will need to commit to the full working hours of the post. This School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of appointment for post is subject to a satisfactory Criminal Record Bureau Disclosure. **Closing Date:** 19.3.10 For an application pack, please write to/telephone (stating the role for which you are applying): Mrs Linda Taylor, Abbey Court School, Rende Court Road, Strood, Kent. ME2 3SP (01634 338236) Please note CV's will not be accepted
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Qualified Teachers

Kent
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Canterbury
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Dover
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RMN Full/Part time/Bank
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To apply/more information:

London Care PLC
 Quoting Job Ref: kos
 Tel: 01634 828 928
 Email amirul.ahmed@londoncare.co.uk

Team Leader

Tunbridge Wells

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To apply/more information:

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Bank Care Assistant

Tunbridge Wells

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Senior Support Staff

Herne Bay

Salary: £7.65 ph + weekend increment
 HMT Care is dedicated to the care of people diagnosed within

the spectrum of neuro-disability, particularly HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE. We provide an holistic and person-centred approach to care and require dedicated and committed staff to work with us in Herne Bay. We require a full-time member of Senior Support Staff. Duties will include organising a small team & providing support to residents A competitive salary, promotion prospects, accredited specialist training, together with NVQ opportunities, is our commitment to you Previous experience and qualifications are essential. Starting salary £7.65 ph + weekend increment To request an application form and information please call Nana on 01227 742992 weekdays between 10am and 4pm

To apply/more information:

HMT Care Ltd
 Quoting Job Ref: kos
 Tel: 01227 742992
 Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

Short Breaks Respite Manager

Tonbridge

Salary: £25,572 - £29,591
Closing Date: 24 March 2010
 Carers FIRST Short Breaks Respite Manager 37 hours: Salary Range £25,572 - £29,591 We are a leading provider of flexible short breaks, supporting adults and children with a disability or illness, giving their carers respite from their caring role. Breaks can be in the home or in the community. The task is to lead the development and expansion of the service,

providing high quality breaks and giving greater choice and control to those accessing the service. You will lead a team of staff and volunteers, supporting them and developing their skills. With previous experience of delivery of short breaks, you will possess a relevant qualification and have, or be prepared to work towards, a CQC registered manager qualification. Employment benefits, include contributory pension, health plan and child care vouchers. A current driving licence and access to a car is essential. Appointment is subject to an enhanced CRB. For application packs email micheala.clack@carersfirst.org.uk or telephone Micheala Clack on 01732 357555. Closing Date is 24 March 2010. Our client is an equal opportunities employer

To apply/more information:

Carers First
 Quoting Job Ref: kos
 Tel: 01732 357555
 Email micheala.clack@carersfirst.org.uk

Public Sector, Social Services

Schools Project Coordinator

Chatham

Salary: £19,779.00p.a
Closing Date: 8th March 2010
 March 2010.
To apply/more information:
 Nacro Services Kent
 Quoting Job Ref: kos
 Tel: 01634 818305
 Email colin.farrow@nacro.org.uk

Retail, Wholesale, Sales

Telesales Operators

Kent

Salary: TBA
To apply/more information:
 City Local
 Quoting Job Ref: kos
 Tel: 07717 803161
 Email johnnyd@citylocal.co.uk

Sales Person

Tunbridge Wells

Salary: TBA
To apply/more information:
 Associated Logistics
 Nacro Services Kent
 Quoting Job Ref: kos
 Tel: 01892 516979
 Email associated.logistics@live.co.uk

PUBLIC NOTICES

LICENSING ACT 2003 PUBLIC NOTICE APPLICATION TO VARY PREMISES LICENCE

Name of Applicant: Whitstable Oyster Fishery Company, Premises: The Forge adjacent to the Anderson Shed on the foreshore at Whitstable Harbour as shown on a plan deposited with Canterbury City Council. Hereby apply to Canterbury City Council for a new premises licence. Sale of alcohol: 10:00 to 23:00 daily. Late Night Refreshment: 23:00 to 23:30 daily. Opening hours of the premises: 08:00 to 23:30 daily. New Years Eve commencement of licensing hours to termination on New Years Day. The licensed area includes outside seating area. Date of Notice: 22nd February 2010.
 A Register of licensing applications can be inspected at Council Offices, Military Road, Canterbury by appointment with the Licensing Team between 10am and 4pm Monday to Friday. Any person wishing to submit relevant representations to our application must give notice, in writing to the address shown above, giving in detail the grounds of objection by 26th March 2010.
 Dated this 22nd day of February 2010
 It is an offence liable on conviction to a fine up to Level 5 on the standard scale under section 158 of the Licensing Act 2003 to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with this application.

LICENSING ACT 2003 Notice of Application for GRANT/variation of a Premises Licence

Notice is hereby given that Military Mayhem has applied to Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council for the grant/variation of a Premises Licence in respect of premises known as Wrotham Hill Showground, London Road, TN15 7NS. The application seeks the licence in respect of the following:
 • The sale of alcohol
 • The provision of regulated entertainment
 • Live Music
 Details of the register of record of the application can be viewed at the Tonbridge and Malling Council Offices (Licensing Dept) Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, during normal office hours. Any representations from interested parties or responsible authorities must be made in writing to the Council by March 30th 2010.

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction is a fine not exceeding £5000.

The Insolvency Act 1986 CONCRETE MIXING KENT LIMITED (Company No. 06748134)

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of Creditors of the above Company will be held at Kent House, Romney Place, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6LH on 16 March 2010 at 10.30 am for the purpose of having a full statement of the position of the Company's affairs, together with a list of Creditors of the Company and the estimated amount of their claims, laid before them, and for the purpose, if thought fit, of nominating a Liquidator and of appointing a Liquidation Committee pursuant to Sections 99 to 101 of the Insolvency Act 1986. The Resolutions to be taken at the meeting may include a Resolution specifying the terms on which the Liquidator is to be remunerated in terms of fees and disbursements (including those as categorised in the Statement of Insolvency Practice 9, Category 2) and a Resolution conferring upon the duly appointed Liquidator, the powers contained in Schedule 4 Part 1 of the Insolvency Act 1986. The meeting may receive information about, and be called upon to approve, the costs of preparing the Statement of Affairs and convening the meeting. Notice is also hereby given, pursuant to Section 98(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors may be examined free of charge at the offices of Atherton Bailey, Kent House, Romney Place, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6LH, between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days prior to the day of the meeting. To be entitled to vote, Creditors must lodge a full statement of account and unless claiming personally, they must also submit a form of proxy which, if intended to be used, must be duly completed and lodged at the registered office of the Company, Kent House, Romney Place, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6LH not later than 12.00 noon on the business day before the meeting. Unless they surrender their security Secured Creditors, if they wish to vote at the meeting, must also lodge full details of their security and its assessed value.
 Dated: 2 March 2010
 By Order of the Board
 A Pennell, Director

Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

10/00446/LBC Portobello Holly Bank, Brenchley

- Listed Building Consent: Garden room to rear of property. Rebuild garage with pitched roof and create entrance hall. Amendment of approved (TW/09/02819/LBC) to raise level of garden room & use Sarnafil roof covering on flat roof above cloakroom only (LB)

09/04106/LBC Hazelden Farmhouse Marden Road, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst

- Listed Building Consent - Removal of the garage door from the left hand side and construction of a divisional wall within the proposed replacement garage (LB)

10/00592/CAC Tunbridge Wells Borough Council Council Offices, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst

- Conservation Area Consent: Demolition of former Council Offices (CA)

10/00454/FUL 71 - 75 Mount Pleasant Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Culverden

- Change of use of ground floor from retail to part retail delicatessen (33.33%), food servery and cafe seating. First floor change of use from retail area to food preparation, storage, wc's and further seating. New outside seating area on corner of Mount Pleasant Road and Church Road (CA) (LB)

10/00552/LBC 60 London Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Culverden

- Listed building consent - Addition of rear verandah and new external steps and balustrading (LB)

10/00291/LBC Manor House Barn High Street, Goudhurst

- Listed building consent - installation of rayburn on back wall of kitchen including installation of flue (LB)

10/00449/HOUSE Barnfield Barn High Street, Hawkhurst

- Erection of double garage and garden shed (CA) (LB)

10/00455/LBC Barnfield Barn High Street, Hawkhurst

- Listed Building Consent: Single storey pitched roof timber framed and clad double garage and single storey pitched roof timber framed and clad (LB)

10/00505/HOUSE Belvedere Cranbrook Road, Hawkhurst

- Replace coach house doors to enable use as a double garage; erect external wooden staircase to front of coach house; demolish front boundary wall; relocation of vehicle access gate to create off-road parking space and extension of existing dog kerbs to widen vehicle entrance (EIA)

10/00546/LBC Spelmonden Farm Spelmonden Road, Horsmonden

- Change of use of redundant barn to residential use including retention and conversion of storage building (LB)

10/00468/FUL Telecommunications Mast Lamberhurst By-Pass, Lamberhurst

- Installation of 9.7m telecommunications monopole including 3 no. antennas and ground-based equipment housing (MAST)

10/00459/FUL 2A Park Street Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park

- Conversion of workshop into two self contained ground floor flats, consisting of 1x 1-bedroom flat and 1x 2-bedroom flat (CA)

10/00591/CAC Bandstand Calverley Grounds, Park

- Conservation Area Consent: Demolition of former Bandstand (CA)

10/00584/FUL Part OS Plot 7900 Ridsden Lane, Sandhurst

- Retrospective - Part change of use of and extension to existing stable for dog breeding purposes (LB)

10/00563/LBC Bettenham Manor Bettenham Lane, Sissinghurst C/O Cranbrook Parish

- Listed Building Consent - Renew of existing roof by removing and reusing existing tiles; Removal of existing battens and felt and replace with new battens and breathable roofing felt on cleaned rafters; Flashing and lead valleys to be inspected and replaced (LB)

10/00406/HOUSE Priestwood Cottage Old House Lane, Speldhurst

- Demolition of existing extension; Replaced with square central bay rear 2 storey extension forming 'T' shaped house with glazed link to orangery at upper level following topography. Enlarged porch with seat. Second staircase to western bay. Removal of first floor corridor. Provision of WC within ground floor utility (LB)

10/00410/LBC Priestwood Cottage Old House Lane, Speldhurst

- Listed Building Consent: Demolition of existing extension; Replaced with square central bay rear 2 storey extension forming 'T' shaped house with glazed link to orangery at upper level following topography. Enlarged porch with seat. Second staircase to western bay. Removal of first floor corridor. Provision of WC within ground floor utility (TW/10/0406 refers) (LB)

10/00456/FUL Somerden Langton Road, Speldhurst

- Demolition of existing house and garage and construction of a 5 bedroom detached house with detached double garage, annexe and surface parking/access drive (CA)

10/00524/LBC The Old Rectory Langton Road, Speldhurst

- Listed Building Consent: Alterations to the entrance hall floor construction and the fire places to kitchen 1, kitchen 2 and the artist studio. Repairs to an original slate floor in the cloaks area of the entrance hall and to the floor construction of the en-suite bathroom on the first floor. Removal of a section of brick wall in Lobby L2, new structural hearths to kitchens 1 & 2, a new attic hatch in the dressing room. Remove & seal up the attic hatch in the en-suite bathroom (LB)

(DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website (www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk), at the The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

Jim Kehoe
 Head of Planning Services
 Town Hall Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS

Dated: 06 March 2010



TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACTS – NOTICES OF APPLICATIONS

The following applications have been submitted to the Council and are being advertised for the reason(s) given in each case.

TM/10/00321/FL – The Malling School Beech Road East Malling West Malling Kent ME19 6DH – The Malling School is applying for erection of 1.8m high fencing with vehicular and pedestrian gates. Reason: CA

TM/10/00341/FL – Fremfins Dell Comp Lane Offham West Malling Kent ME19 5NW – Mr P Garrod is applying for convert bungalow into two storey building with en-suite bedroom in attic. Rebuild garage with two storey side extension. Erect single storey extension. Reason: CA HH

TM/10/00349/FL & TM/10/00350/LB – The White House 169 Tonbridge Road Wateringbury Maidstone Kent ME18 5NU – Mr Gary Evans is applying for demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear "orangery" extension. Reason: CA LB HH

TM/10/00407/FLX – 21 Victoria Drive Kings Hill West Malling Kent ME19 4DT – Mr Andrew Notman is applying for renewal of planning permission TM/05/00443/FL (ground floor garage extension and conversion of garage to dining room and study, first floor extension and repositioning of pedestrian accessway). Reason: PROW HH

TM/10/00366/LB – 47 Swan Street West Malling Kent ME19 6JU – Mr Dean Harding-Dempster is applying for various ground floor internal alterations, including the removal of a redundant chimney breast, bar servery reposition and set back from original location and entrance bar servery removed. Gents toilet to be relocated to first floor and existing ladies toilets reconfigured.. Reason: LB CA

TM/10/00484/FL – Birling House 91 - 93 High Street Snodland Kent ME6 5AN – The Mortimer Society are applying for addition of multi purpose function room and improved facilities to a disability care home. Reason: CA

TM/10/00410/FL – Warren Wood East Seven Mile Lane Wrotham Heath Sevenoaks Kent TN15 7SA – Mr Mark Winsper is applying for two storey extension. Reason: HA HH

TM/10/00356/FL & TM/10/00363/LB – Redwell Redwell Lane Ightham Sevenoaks Kent TN15 9EH – Mr Attenborough is applying for conversion of existing double detached garage into habitable space and small linking extension. Reason: CA LB HH

TM/10/00357/FL – Redwell Redwell Lane Ightham Sevenoaks Kent TN15 9EH – Mr Attenborough is applying for construction of a two bay open fronted timber frame detached garage, extension to driveway to serve new garage and the erection of retaining walls alongside the proposed driveway extension. Reason: LB CA HH

Reasons for the case being publicised:

LB Application relates to/affects a Listed Building or its setting
 CA Application is within/affects a Conservation Area
 PROW Application affects a Public Right of Way
 HA Site is over 1ha.
 HH Householder application - As this is a householder application, in the event of an appeal against a refusal of planning permission, which is to be dealt with on the basis of representations in writing, any representations made about this application will be sent to the Secretary of State, and there will be no further opportunity to comment at appeal stage.

These applications are displayed on our website www.tmbc.gov.uk – click on the button "Online Planning" (then View Existing Applications and select Public Access). You can submit your comments by emailing to planningapplications@tmbc.gov.uk (please quote the application number by the date set out below). Please note that we will publish a copy of any representations received on the Council's website, including your name and address.

Copies of applications listed may be seen during office hours (8.30 am and 5.00 pm Monday to Friday). Any applications within Hadlow, Hildenborough and Tonbridge are available at Tonbridge Castle, Tonbridge. Other applications are available at the office of the Director of Planning, Transport & Leisure, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4LZ. Any representations should be made in writing quoting the application number by 28 March 2010.

David Hughes
 Chief Executive

7 March 2010



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HIGHWAYS - District of Ashford

**CHURCH ROAD, TENTERDEN
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because carriageway surfacing works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Church Road, Tenterden for its entire length on or after 25 March 2010 for an estimated period of two days or until such works are complete.

There will be no alternative route.

This order will come into force on Thursday 25 March 2010, will be in operation when the appropriate signs are erected and will remain valid for a period of eighteen months. The order will allow the above mentioned restrictions to be implemented as and when required for works of a similar nature at any time for the duration of the order.

HIGHWAYS - District of Canterbury

**COULTER ROAD, HERNE BAY
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Coulter Road, Herne Bay, on or after 10 March 2010 for an estimated period of 4 days or until the works are complete.

The road will be closed for its entire length but access for residents will be maintained from Blackburn Road. The alternative route for through traffic will be via Cornwall Road and Blackburn Road.

**SEAFIELD ROAD, WHITSTABLE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because of carriageway repairs, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Seafield Road, Whitstable, on or after 22 March 2010 for an estimated period of 4 days or until the works are complete.

The road will be closed at its east junction with Herne Bay Road. The alternative route will be via the other junction, at the Tankerton Road end of Southfield Road.

**CANTERBURY ROAD, HERNE BAY (EDDINGTON INTERCHANGE)
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because of overnight carriageway repairs and resurfacing, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order in respect of Canterbury Road, Herne Bay (Eddington Interchange), on or after 22 March 2010 for an estimated period of up to 8 weekday nights or until the works are complete.

The effect of the Order is to prohibit traffic on the slip roads defined in the Schedule to this Order below. These will be closed at their junctions between A299 Thanet Way and A291 Canterbury Road, as advised by signs and barriers on site.

A299 Thanet Way, Eastbound off slip:

Diversion for Herne Bay northbound on Margate Road, Mickleburgh Hill and Canterbury Road *Diversion for Herne and Canterbury* south on Margate Road, Hunters Forstall Road, Mill Lane and School Lane

A299 Thanet Way, Westbound on slip:

Diversion via Canterbury Road, A2990 Old Thanet Way, Long Reach roundabout and Clapham Hill

A299 Thanet Way, Westbound off slip:

Diversion for Canterbury and Herne via Margate Road, Hunters Forstall Road, Mill Lane and Scholl Lane *Diversion for Herne Bay* via Margate Road, Mickleburgh Hill and Canterbury Road

Mill Lane:

Closed to *westbound* traffic at its junction with Thanet Way
Diversion via Mill Lane, School Lane, Herne Street and Canterbury Road

It is planned that the closures of each of these slip roads will be on the evenings of 22 and 23 March 2010, between the hours of 7.00 pm and 5.00 am.

There may need to be other closures of some of these slip roads within the period of the Order, as advised by signs and barriers on site.

Highways - Borough of Dartford

**LITTLEBROOK MANOR WAY, DARTFORD
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Littlebrook Manor Way, Dartford between its junctions with Farnol Road to Attlee Drive.

The Order will become effective on 8th March 2010, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 1 day. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Henderson Drive and Farnol Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate resurfacing works.

HIGHWAYS - District of Dover

**STATION ROAD, MARTIN MILL
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because of BT cabling works, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Station Road, Martin Mill (Langdon), on or after 8 March 2010 for an estimated period of 1 day or until the works are complete. It is planned the works will be carried out between the hours of 9.30 am and 3.30 pm.

The road will be closed outside 'Windy Cottage'. There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions of A258 Deal Road and Lucerne Lane. The alternative route will be via A258 Deal Road, Solton Lane, White Hill, The Street, East Langdon Road and Station Road.

**MOAT LANE & COOMBE LANE, ASH
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because of works to renew frames and covers in the carriageway, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Moat Lane & Coombe Lane, Ash, on or after 8 March 2010. This is for an estimated period of up to 7 working days or until the works are complete.

The roads will be closed at various points as required for the works, as signposted on site. Every effort will be made to maintain access for residents when safe to do so. Access from Langdon Avenue into Coombe Lane may also be restricted, as shown on site. The alternative route for through traffic will be via The Street, New Street and Marshborough Road.

**MIDDLE STREET, DEAL
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because of the replacement of electrical cables, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Middle Street, Deal, on or after 8 March 2010, for an estimated period of 2 days or until the works are complete.

The road will be closed at its junction with Broad Street. There is no alternative route for through traffic. There will be a suspension of the One-way Traffic Order between the junctions of South Street and Broad Street to allow access.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Gravesham

**VARIOUS ROADS, GRAVESEND
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on various roads, Dartford as noted in schedule 1.

The Order will become effective on 8th March 2010, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last as noted in the schedule. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: as noted in schedule 1.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate resurfacing works.

Schedule 1	
Road Name:	Wellington Street, Gravesend
Extent:	Between its junction with Parrock Road and Saddington Street
Date:	8th March 2010 for 3 days
Diversion:	Parrock Street, Edwin Street and Saddington Street.

Road Name:	Peacock Street, Gravesend
Extent:	Between its junction with Waterloo Street and Saddington Street
Date:	10th March for 3 days
Diversion:	Saddington Street, The Grove and Parrock Street.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Maidstone

**HENIKER LANE & BOYTON COURT ROAD, SUTTON VALENCE
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic at the junctions of Heniker Lane and Boyton Court Road on or after Tuesday 23rd March 2010 for a period of up to 5 working days or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the restriction described above is via Boyton Court Road, East Sutton Road, High Street, A274 Headcorn Road, A274 Maidstone Road, East Sutton Road, Heniker Lane and vice versa.

EDF Energy apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary to install a new electrical supply. Should you require any further information regarding these works, their contact is Scott Davis on 01732 783986.

HIGHWAYS - District of Sevenoaks

**COWDEN STATION ROAD, COWDEN
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Cowden Station Road, Cowden at the Rail Bridge.

The Order will become effective on 8th March 2010, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to commence on 14th March 2010 and last 6 hours between 00.00 – 06.00. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Cowden Station Road, Hartfield Road, Buckhurst Lane and Cow Lane.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate works to Network Rail Bridge.

HIGHWAYS - District of Shepway

**VARIOUS ROADS, SHEPWAY
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because carriageway surfacing works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on various roads, Shepway from as described in the schedule to this order on or after 23 March 2010 for an estimated period of six days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via as shown below

Road:	Cherry Garden Avenue, Folkestone
Extent:	from its junction with Cherry Garden Lane to its junction with Cheriton Road
Dates:	23 – 30 March 2010 (excluding the weekend)
Diversion:	A259 Churchill Avenue, Park Farm Road, A259 Radnor Park Road, A2034 Cheriton Road

Road:	Beachborough Road
Extent:	from its junction with Shorncliffe Road to its junction with Cheriton Road.
Dates:	23 – 30 March 2010 (excluding the weekend)
Diversion:	Shorncliffe Road, Risborough Way, Risborough Lane, Cheriton Road

This order will come into force on Tuesday 23 March 2010, will be in operation when the appropriate signs are erected, and will remain valid for a period of eighteen months. The order will allow the above mentioned restrictions to be implemented as and when required for works of a similar nature at any time for the duration of the order.

HIGHWAYS - District of Swale

**BEECHES ROAD, SELLING
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that to enable the installation of new cabling, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Beeches Road, Selling, on or after 8 March 2010, for an estimated period of 7 working days or until the works are complete.

The road will be closed for its entire length. The alternative route for through traffic will be via Perry Wood and Black Oast.

HIGHWAYS - District of Thanet

**VICTORIA ROAD, BROADSTAIRS
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because of severe carriageway subsidence, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Victoria Road, Broadstairs, from house number 46 into the cul-de-sac, on or after 8 March 2010 for an indefinite period. The Order will remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months.

There is no suitable alternative route.

**VARIOUS ROADS, THANET
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because carriageway surfacing works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on various roads, Thanet from as described in the schedule to this order on or after 22 March 2010 for an estimated period of as described in the schedule to this order or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via as shown below.

Road:	Rosetower Court, St Peters, Broadstairs
Extent:	Whole length
Dates:	on or after 22 March 2010 for one day only
Diversion:	No alternative

Road:	Yew Tree Gardens, Birchington
Extent:	Whole length
Dates:	on or after 22 March 2010 for one day only
Diversion:	No alternative

Road:	Reculver Avenue, Birchington
Extent:	Whole length
Dates:	on or after 22 March 2010 for one day only
Diversion:	Minnis Road, St Mildred's Avenue and Sea View Road OR Minnis Road, Grenham Bay Avenue and Sea View Road – in both directions

Road:	Grenham Bay Avenue, Birchington
Extent:	Whole length; Closure affects junction access from Hereward Avenue, Harold Road and Alfred Road
Dates:	on or after 22 March 2010 for one day only
Diversion:	Minnis Road, Reculver Road and Sea View Road OR Minnis Road, The Parade and Sea View Avenue – in both directions

Road:	Rutland Gardens, Birchington
Extent:	Whole length
Dates:	on or after 22 March 2010 for one day only
Diversion:	Lincoln Gardens, Sussex Gardens and Kent Gardens – in both directions

Road:	Lincoln Gardens, Birchington
Extent:	Whole length; Closure affects junction access from Sussex Gardens
Dates:	on or after 22 March 2010 for one day only
Diversions:	Devon Gardens, Kent Gardens and Rutland Gardens – in both directions

Road:	Sussex Gardens, Birchington
Extent:	Whole length
Dates:	on or after 22 March 2010 for one day only
Diversions:	Kent Gardens, Devon Gardens and Lincoln Gardens OR Kent Gardens, Rutland Gardens and Lincoln Gardens – in both directions

Road:	Devon Gardens, Birchington
Extent:	Whole length; Closure affects junction access from Lincoln Gardens and Dorset Gardens
Dates:	on or after 22 March 2010 for one day only
Diversions:	Essex Gardens, Lancaster Garden and Kent Gardens – in both directions

Road:	Dorset Gardens, Birchington
Extent:	Whole length
Dates:	on or after 22 March 2010 for one day only
Diversions:	Devon Gardens, Essex Gardens and Lancaster Gardens OR Lancaster Gardens, Kent Gardens and Devon Gardens – in both directions

Road:	Sewell Close, Birchington
Extent:	Whole length
Dates:	on or after 22 March 2010 for one day only
Diversion:	No alternative

Road:	Phillips Road, Birchington
Extent:	Whole length; Closure prohibits access to Sewell Close and Barrows Close
Dates:	on or after 22 March 2010 for one day only
Diversion:	No alternative

Road:	Norrie Road, Birchington, Thanet
Extent:	Phillips Road to Mellanby Close; Closure prohibits access to Sewell Close, Barrows Close, Phillips Road and Mellanby Close
Dates:	on or after 22 March 2010 for one day only
Diversion:	No alternative

Road:	Stone Barn Avenue, Birchington
Extent:	Park Lane to Powell Cotton Drive; Closure prohibits access to Laming Road and Powell Cotton Drive. Closure also affects junctions with Linington Road and Farrar Road
Dates:	on or after 22 March 2010 for one day only
Diversion:	Park Lane, Canterbury Road, Charlesworth Drive, Parkway and Cornford Road – in both directions

Road:	Linington Road, Birchington
Extent:	Whole length
Dates:	on or after 22 March 2010 for one day only
Diversion:	Cornford Road, Farrar Road and Stone Barn Avenue – in both directions

Road:	Farrar Road, Birchington
Extent:	Whole length
Dates:	on or after 22 March 2010 for one day only
Diversion:	Cornford Road, Linington Road and Stone Barn Avenue – in both directions

Road:	Cornford Road, Birchington
Extent:	Whole length; Closure affects junction with Farrar Road
Dates:	on or after 22 March 2010 for one day only
Diversion:	Stone Barn Avenue, Park Lane, Canterbury Road, Charlesworth Drive and Parkway – in both directions

Road:	Lancaster Gardens, Birchington.
Extent:	Whole length; Closure affects junction access from Dorset Gardens and Hereford Gardens
Dates:	on or after 25 March 2010 for one day only
Diversion:	Kent Gardens, Devon Gardens and Essex Gardens – in both directions

Road:	Hereford Gardens, Birchington
Extent:	Whole length
Dates:	on or after 25 March 2010 for one day only
Diversion:	Lancaster Garden and Kent Gardens – in both directions

Road:	St Mildred's Avenue, Birchington
Extent:	Whole length
Dates:	on or after 29 March 2010 for one day only
Diversion:	Minnis Road, Reculver Avenue and Sea View Road – in both directions

Road:	Kent Gardens, Birchington
Extent:	Whole length; Closure affects junctions with Rutland Gardens, Sussex Gardens, Devon Gardens, Lancaster Gardens, Hereford Gardens, Surrey Gardens and Prospect Road. Closure also prohibits access to Oxney Close, Sheppey Close and Romney Close
Dates:	on or after 29 March 2010 for one day only
Diversion:	Station Road and Canterbury Road OR Devon Gardens, Essex Gardens and Canterbury Road – in both directions

Road:	Parsonage Fields, Monkton
Extent:	Whole length including junction plays on Monkton Street
Dates:	on or after 06 April 2010 for one day only
Diversion:	No alternative

Road:	Old Green Road, St Peters, Broadstairs
Extent:	Whole length; Closure also prohibits access to The Oaks, Cedar Close & Churchfields
Dates:	on or after 06 April 2010 for one day only
Diversion:	No alternative

Road:	Highfield Gardens, Margate
Extent:	Whole length
Dates:	on or after 06 April 2010 for one day only
Diversion:	No alternative

Road:	St James Terrace, Birchington
Extent:	Whole length; Closure also prohibits access to St David's Close
Dates:	on or after 10 June 2010 for one day only
Diversion:	No alternative

This order will come into force on Monday 22 March 2010, will be in operation when the appropriate signs are erected and will remain valid for a period of eighteen months. The order will allow the above mentioned restrictions to be implemented as and when required for works of a similar nature at any time for the duration of the order.

**For further information, please contact
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HIGHWAYS - Districts of Thanet, Canterbury and Swale

A299 THANET WAY
(TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS & PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC
REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD
TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because of essential carriageway repairs and maintenance, the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting traffic on A299 Thanet Way on or after 11 March 2010 for an estimated period of 3 weeks or until the works are complete.

The effect of the Order is:

- To impose a temporary mandatory speed limit of 30 mph on both carriageways of the A299 Thanet Way, between St. Nicholas Roundabout and Brenley Corner, as and when the relevant signs are displayed on site.

- To prohibit traffic on the following off-slips of the A299 Thanet Way, as and when the relevant signs and barriers are displayed on site

Wantsum Way, St Nicholas at Wade

From 11 March 2010 for 3 days

Alternative route via A299 Thanet Way London bound, North Stream, Brook Lane, A299 Thanet Way coast bound, Chambers Wall and Court Road

Wey Street Farm, Hernhill (coast bound slip road)

From 17 March 2010 for 3 days

Alternative route via A299 Thanet Way Coast Bound, Highstreet Road, Thanet Way overbridge, A299 Thanet Way London bound, Fostall and Kemsdale Road.

Chambers Wall, St Nicholas at Wade

28 March 2010 for 3 days

Alternative route via A299 Thanet Way coast bound, St. Nicholas Roundabout, A299 Thanet Way London Bound, Wantsum Way, Court Road and Chambers Wall

Thanet Way (Chislet) off-slip leading to
Sweechbridge Road

30 March 2010 for 2 days

A299 Thanet Way coast bound, Brook Lane, North Stream, A299 Thanet Way London bound, Heart in Hand Road and Sweechbridge Road.

The Order will remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months and will allow the above-mentioned restrictions to be implemented as and when required for works of a similar nature, at any time for the duration of the order.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Tonbridge & Malling

MILLS ROAD, AYLESFORD
PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC AND NO RIGHT TURN
TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC
REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD
TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Noticice is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic travelling in a southbound direction from Hall Road into Mills Road and prohibiting eastbound traffic from turning right into Mills Road from A2o London Road on or after Monday 8th March 2010 between 19:00hrs and 06:00hrs for a period of up to 3 weeks or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the restrictions described above is via A2o London Road, Coldharbour Roundabout, return via A2o London Road westbound to use slip road to access Mills Road.

Southern Gas Networks apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary for gas mains replacement. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is John Adsley on 07774 983419.

HIGHWAYS - Boroughs of Tunbridge Wells and Tonbridge & Malling

VARIOUS ROADS IN THE BOROUGHS OF TUNBRIDGE
WELLS AND TONBRIDGE & MALLING
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on the routes described in the Schedule.

The alternative routes as described will be noted in the schedule. Access will be maintained up to the points of closure. The Order will become effective on Saturday 13th March 2010, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months.

Schedule

Road Name: A264 Mount Ephraim, Tunbridge Wells
Extent: From Mount Ephraim Road to Grosvenor Road
Dates: Start: 13th March 2010 End: 14th March 2010
Diversioin: A264 Mount Ephraim, A264 Church Road, Mount Pleasant Road, Grosvenor Road

Road Name: A26 St John's Road, Tunbridge Wells
Extent: From Grosvenor Road to Culverden Park.
Dates: Start: 20th March 2010
End: 21st March 2010
Diversioin: Grosvenor Road, Upper Grosvenor Road, North Farm Road, Highfield Road, High Brooms Road, Yew Tree Road, A26 London Road, A26 St John's Road

Road Name: Sherenden Road, Capel, Tunbridge Wells
Extent: Whole Length
Dates: Start: 7th May 2010 End: 7th May 2010
Diversioin: Hartlake Road and B2017 Five Oak Green Road

Road Name: Vauxhall Lane, Southborough, Tunbridge Wells
Extent: A26 London Road to Honnington Farm
Dates: Start: 7th May 2010 End: 7th May 2010
Diversioin: Vauxhall Lane, A2014 Pembury Road, A26 Quarry Hill Road, A26 London Road

Road Name: Woodbury Park Road, Tunbridge Wells
Extent: Dunstan Road to A26 St John's Road
Dates: Start: 10th June 2010 End: 10th June 2010
Diversioin: Phase 1 - Dunstan Road to Chilston Road via Chilston Road, Queens Road, Dunstan Road. Phase 2 - Chilston Road to A26 St John's Road via St John's Road, Queens Road, Dunstan Road, Woodbury Park Road

Road Name: Alliance Way, Paddock Wood, Tunbridge Wells
Extent: Whole Length
Dates: Start: 11th June 2010 End: 11th June 2010
Diversioin: N/A Cul-de-sac

Road Name: Challenger Close, Paddock Wood, Tunbridge Wells
Extent: Whole Length
Dates: Start: 14th June 2010 End: 14th June 2010
Diversioin: N/A Cul-de-sac

Road Name: Keyworth Close, Paddock Wood, Tunbridge Wells
Extent: Whole Length
Dates: Start: 14th June 2010 End: 14th June 2010
Diversioin: N/A Cul-de-sac

Road Name: Northdown Close, Paddock Wood, Tunbridge Wells
Extent: Whole Length
Dates: Start: 14th June 2010 End: 14th June 2010
Diversioin: N/A Cul-de-sac

Road Name: Tutsham Way, Paddock Wood, Tunbridge Wells
Extent: Whole Length
Dates: Start: 15th June 2010 End: 15th June 2010
Diversioin: Ringden Avenue, B2160 Maidstone Road, Mount Pleasant, Cogate Road

Road Name: Bullion Close, Paddock Wood, Tunbridge Wells
Extent: Whole Length
Dates: Start: 16th June 2010 End: 16th June 2010
Diversioin: N/A Cul-de-sac

Road Name: Mercers Close, Paddock Wood, Tunbridge Wells
Extent: Whole Length
Dates: Start: 16th June 2010 End: 16th June 2010
Diversioin: N/A Cul-de-sac

Road Name: Goldings, Paddock Wood, Tunbridge Wells
Extent: Whole Length
Dates: Start: 17th June 2010 End: 17th June 2010
Diversioin: N/A Cul-de-sac

Road Name: Woodlands, Paddock Wood, Tunbridge Wells
Extent: Whole Length
Dates: Start: 17th June 2010 End: 17th June 2010
Diversioin: N/A Cul-de-sac

Road Name: Hendley Terrace, Cranbrook, Tunbridge Wells
Extent: Whole Length
Dates: Start: 17th June 2010 End: 17th June 2010
Diversioin: N/A Cul-de-sac

Road Name: Hendley Drive, Cranbrook, Tunbridge Wells
Extent: Whole Length
Dates: Start: 18th June 2010 End: 18th June 2010
Diversioin: N/A Cul-de-sac

Road Name: Rope Walk, Cranbrook, Tunbridge Wells
Extent: Whole Length
Dates: Start: 18th June 2010 End: 18th June 2010
Diversioin: N/A Cul-de-sac

Road Name: Benenden Road, Benenden, Tunbridge Wells
Extent: Walkhurst Road to Beacon Hall Farm
Dates: Start: 19th June 2010 End: 20th June 2010
Diversioin: B2086 Benenden Road, A28 Hastings Road, A268 Link Hill, Queen Street, Megrims Hill, Rye Road, A229 Cranbrook Road, Hawkhurst Road, Hartley Road, B2086 Swattenden Lane, Benenden Road, Mounts Hill, The Street, Benenden Road

Road Name: Woodlands Road, Ditton, Tonbridge & Malling
Extent: New Road to Woodlands Parade
Dates: Start: 3rd May 2010 End: 7th May 2010
Diversioin: Start: 10th May End: 10th May New Road, A2o, Woodlands Road

Road Name: Pratling Street, Aylesford, Tonbridge & Malling
Extent: Rochester Road to No 326 Pratling Street
Dates: Start: 4th May 2010 End: 4th May 2010
Diversioin: Rochester Road, Pratling Street

Road Name: Cuckoo Lane, Tonbridge, Tonbridge & Malling
Extent: A26 Hadlow Road to Higham Lane
Dates: Start: 7th May 2010 End: 7th May 2010
Diversioin: Northbound - A26 Hadlow Road, A26 Tonbridge Road, Ashes Lane, Higham Lane. Southbound - Higham Lane, Barchester Way, Cranford Road, Hadlow Road East, A26 Hadlow Road

Road Name: Lower Haysden Lane, Tonbridge, Tonbridge & Malling
Extent: Whole Length
Dates: Start: 8th May 2010 End: 8th May 2010
Diversioin: Upper Haysden Lane

Road Name: Primrose Drive, Ditton, Tonbridge & Malling
Extent: Whole Length
Dates: Start: 9th May 2010 End: 10th May 2010
Diversioin: N/A

Road Name: Golding Close, Ditton, Tonbridge & Malling
Extent: Whole Length
Dates: Start: 10th May 2010 End: 11th May 2010
Diversioin: N/A Cul-de-sac

Road Name: Medina Road, Ditton, Tonbridge & Malling
Extent: Whole Length
Dates: Start: 11th May 2010 End: 12th May 2010
Diversioin: New Road, Woodlands Road, Linkway

Road Name: Linkway, Ditton, Tonbridge & Malling
Extent: Whole Length
Dates: Start: 11th May 2010 End: 12th May 2010
Diversioin: Medina, New Road, Woodlands Road

Road Name: Wilton Drive, Ditton, Tonbridge & Malling
Extent: Whole Length
Dates: Start: 12th May 2010 End: 13th May 2010
Diversioin: N/A

Road Name: St Peters Road, Ditton, Tonbridge & Malling
Extent: St Peters Close to New Road
Dates: Start: 12th May 2010 End: 13th May 2010
Diversioin: Bradbourne Lane, A2o, New Road

Road Name: St Peters Close, Ditton, Tonbridge & Malling
Extent: Whole Length
Dates: Start: 13th May 2010 End: 14th May 2010
Diversioin: N/A Cul-de-sac

Road Name: Ditton Court, Ditton, Tonbridge & Malling
Extent: Whole Length
Dates: Start: 13th May 2010 End: 14th May 2010
Diversioin: N/A Cul-de-sac

Road Name: Thackeray Road, Larkfield, Tonbridge & Malling
Extent: Whole Length
Dates: Start: 14th May 2010 End: 15th May 2010
Diversioin: N/A Cul-de-sac

Road Name: Wrotham Hill Road, Stansted, Tonbridge & Malling
Extent: Whole Length
Dates: Start: 18th May 2010 End: 18th May 2010
Diversioin: Tumblefield Road, Plaxdale Green Road, Stansted Hill, Vigo Hill, Platt House Lane, Fairseat Lane

Road Name: South Ash Lane, Stansted, Tonbridge & Malling
Extent: Whole Length
Dates: Start: 19th May 2010 End: 20th May 2010
Diversioin: A2o London Road, A227 Gravesend Road, A227 Wrotham Road, A227 South Street, A227 Wrotham Road, B260 Longfield Road, B260 Main Road, Hartley Road, Ash Road, Chapel Wood Road, Ash Road, The Street

Road Name: Bancroft Road, Wrotham, Tonbridge & Malling
Extent: Whole Length
Dates: Start: 19th May 2010 End: 20th May 2010
Diversioin: N/A Cul-de-sac

Road Name: Goodworth Road, Wrotham, Tonbridge & Malling
Extent: Whole Length
Dates: Start: 20th May 2010 End: 21st May 2010
Diversioin: West Street

Road Name: West Street, Wrotham, Tonbridge & Malling
Extent: Whole Length
Dates: Start: 20th May 2010 End: 21st May 2010
Diversioin: High street, Borough Green Road, Kemsing Road, Battlefields, Blacksole Road

Kent Highway Services apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary for carriageway resurfacing works. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact is Tony Carreck for Tunbridge Wells and Robert Seggie for Tonbridge & Malling on 08458 247 800.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Tunbridge Wells

HIGH WOODS LANE, TUNBRIDGE WELLS
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED
BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS)
ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on High Woods Lane between Halls Hole Road and Cleeve Avenue on or after Wednesday 10th March 2010 for a period of up to 2 days or until such works are completed.

There is no alternative route for the restriction described above.

Kent Highway Services apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary for essential carriageway resurfacing works. Should you require any further information the Kent Highway Services contact is Tony Carreck on 08458 247 800.

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Tucson replacement comes to the rescue

SOUNDS like a replacement for the Tucson couldn't come soon enough for Hyundai.

The Korean brand's baby 4x4/SUV had fallen out of step with a fast-changing market and you only have to look at the new ix35 to see why.

Not only does it wear the hexagonal grille intended to be the new 'face' of the Hyundai range, but it is also more 'crossover' than the Tucson.

As such it will be up against the incredibly successful – and rightly so – Nissan Qashqai and Peugeot's award-winning 3008, in the hunt for hatchback and MPV buyers as well as the SUV (sports utility vehicle) fans targeted by the Tucson.

The ix35 feels far lighter on its feet than its

By **STEVE LOADER**

predecessor and the sharp styling is reminiscent of the Ford Kuga – one of the smarter compact SUVs on the market – though that is where any comparison with the Ford ends, since the ix35 is a far better deal.

It starts at just £16,495 and Hyundai is quick to say that this is cheaper than the list price of a poverty spec Ford Focus, yet brings alloys, ESP (electric stability programme), air con, Bluetooth and iPod/USB connectivity, heated front and rear seats and door mirrors, leather steering wheel and gear knob and reverse parking sensors as standard, plus five years' roadside assistance and Hyundai's usual five-year/unlimited miles warranty.

The cabin is also well finished and well designed, though hardly earth shattering in design or layout. To be fair to the opposition, the keen entry price buys you the front-wheel drive 2.0-litre petrol model and even Hyundai admits that only 10 per cent of buyers will go for that.

Most will opt for the front-wheel drive 2.0-litre diesel (from £17,995) with a further 10 per cent choosing the same engine with 4x4 (from £18,995) with the mix jumbled later this year when a low-emission, high output 1.6-litre GDI (direct injection) petrol and 1.7-litre CRDi diesel engine join the ix35 range along with a six-speed auto option.

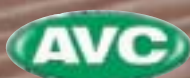
That junior petrol option looks interesting and its lighter weight could work well for the dynamics of the ix35, which feels a little unsettled on a winding road in FWD

diesel format. Nothing wrong with the diesel engine itself: it pulls well and feels refined and works particularly well in 4x4 format – worth the extra £1,000.

I was also fortunate to drive it in flagship Premium spec. At £20,745, this sounds like a lot of money for a Hyundai but the overall package includes: a full-length panoramic glass sunroof, lots of interior chrome, cruise control, dual zone climate control, part-leather upholstery, smart roof rails and loads more.

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09 09 ZAFIRA 19 EXCLUSIVE DIESEL AUTO PAS BLACK MET DEL MILES.....	£15495
09 09 CHEVROLET LACETTI 1-6 SX AUTO PAS 5 DR SILVER 9000 MILES.....	£7995
09 09 MAZDA 3 TAKARA 1-6 AUTO PAS ALLOYS 5 DR SILVER 7000 MILES.....	£12495
09 09 ASTRA 1-8 LIFE AUTO PAS AIR/C ESTATE SILVER 2000 MILES.....	£3995
09 09 FORD C-MAX 2-0 ZETEC PLUS AUTO PAS 5 DR AVALON BLUE 3000 MILES.....	£13995
09 09 FUSION 1-6 ZETEC PLUS AUTO PAS 5 DR AVALON BLUE 2000 MILES.....	£10995
09 09 NEW FOCUS 1-6 ZETEC 5DR AUTO PAS AIR/C BLUE MET 3000 MILES.....	£12995
09 09 MERIVA 1-6 LIFE AUTO PAS 5 DR AIR/C STAR SILVER 200 MILES.....	£10995
09 09 NISSAN MICRA ACENTA 5 DR AUTO PAS DENIM BLUE 4000 MILES.....	£3995
09 09 CHEVROLET LACETTI EST 1-8 SX SW AUTO PAS 5 DR SILVER 3000M.....	£7995
09 09 MECEDDES A160 ELEGANCE AUTO PAS MET GOLD 750 MILES.....	£15495
09 09 NEW CORSA 1-2 DESIGN AUTO PAS AIR/C 5 DR GREEN 6000 MILES.....	£10995
09 09 CHEVROLET AVEO LT AUTO PAS AIR/C BLACK 2000 MILES.....	£8495
09 58 NISSAN MICRA ACTIVE LUXURY 3 DR AUTO PAS SILVER 1700 MILES.....	£8995
09 58 NEW FOCUS 1-6 STYLE AUTO PAS AIR/C DEEP RED 3000 MILES.....	£11995
09 58 MAZDA 3 TAKARA 1-6 AUTO PAS ALLOYS/ADR RED MET 5000 MILES.....	£12495
09 58 MEGANE 1-6 EXPRESSION ESTATE AUTO PAS BLACK 600 MILES.....	£2995
09 58 GRAND SCENIC 2-0 S DYNAMIC 5DR AUTO PAS GREY 7000 MILES.....	£12995
09 58 CHEVROLET LACETTI EST 1-8 SX SW AUTO PAS 5 DR BLACK 4000M.....	£7495
09 58 FORD FUSION 1-6 ZETEC PLUS AUTO PAS ALLOYS BLUE 12000 MILES.....	£3995
09 58 PEUGEOT 107 2-TRONIC 3 DR AUTO PAS RED 1400 MILES.....	£7995
09 58 NEW CORSA 1-2 CLUB AUTO PAS AIR/C 5 DR ICE BLUE 4000 MILES.....	£8995
09 58 ASTRA 1-8 LIFE AUTO PAS AIR/C ESTATE SILVER 7000 MILES.....	£3995
09 58 NISSAN MICRA ACENTA 5 DR AUTO PAS AIR/C SILVER 1800 MILES.....	£3995
09 58 NISSAN NOTE ACENTA 5 DR AUTO PAS AIR/C SILVER 3000 MILES.....	£3995
09 58 RENAULT CLIO 1-6 EXPRESSION 3 DR AUTO PAS 750 MILES.....	£3945
09 58 TOYOTA YARIS 1-6 YAS T3 42 AUTO PAS AIR/C 5 DR BLUE 6000 MILES.....	£3995
09 58 KANGOO AUTHENTIC 1-6 AUTO PAS AIR/C MET BLUE 8000 MILES.....	£3995

COUPES & CONVERTIBLES

09 09 FORD FOCUS CC CONVERTIBLE AUTO PAS ALLOYS RED 4000 MILES.....	£14995
09 58 PEUGEOT 107 2-TRONIC 3 DR AUTO PAS BLACK LEATHER 1900 MILES.....	£15495
09 57 MEGANE PRIVILEGE 1-6 CONVERT AUTO PAS FLAME 6000 MILES.....	£12495
09 57 MICRA 1-6 CONVERTIBLE CC SPORT AUTO PAS BLUE MET 5000 MILES.....	£10995
09 57 MEGANE PRIVILEGE 1-6 CONVERT AUTO PAS BLUE 5000 MILES.....	£13495
09 58 MICRA 1-6 CONVERT AUTO PAS ALLOYS BLUE 12000 MILES.....	£3995
09 58 MICRA 1-6 ESSENCE CONVERT AUTO PAS BLUE 18000 MILES.....	£3995
09 58 MEGANE PRIVILEGE 1-6 CONVERT AUTO PAS GREY 16000 MILES.....	£10995
09 58 MEGANE DYNAMIC 1-6 CONVERT AUTO PAS BLUE 19000 MILES.....	£10495
09 58 MEGANE DYNAMIC 1-6 CONVERT AUTO PAS SILVER 23000 MILES.....	£3995
09 58 MEGANE PRIVILEGE 1-6 CONVERT AUTO PAS BLUE 14000 MILES.....	£10995
09 58 MICRA 1-6 ESSENCE CONVERT AUTO PAS SILVER 28000 MILES.....	£3995
09 58 MEGANE DYNAMIC 1-6 CONVERT AUTO PAS AIR/C BLUE 12000 MILES.....	£3995
09 58 MEGANE DYNAMIC 1-6 CONVERT AUTO PAS BLUE 10000 MILES.....	£10495
09 58 MEGANE DYNAMIC 1-6 CONVERT AUTO PAS BLUE 38000 MILES.....	£8495

BMW

05 55 BMW 320 DIESEL ES 6 SPEED MANUAL ESTATE 5000 MILES ONLY.....	£13995
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FIAT

06 56 FIAT PANDA ELEGANZA 1242C5 5 DR AUTO PAS BLACK 16000 MILES.....	£5995
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FUSION & FIESTA

09 09 FUSION 1-6 ZETEC PLUS AUTO PAS 5 DR AVALON BLUE 4000 MILES.....	£10995
07 57 FIESTA 1-6 CLIMATE AUTO PAS AIR/C BLUE 19000 MILES.....	£7995
07 57 FUSION ZETEC 1-6 ZETEC CLIMATE AUTO PAS AIR BLUE 1000 MILES.....	£8995
07 57 FUSION ZETEC 1-6 ZETEC CLIMATE AUTO PAS AIR GREEN 4000 MILES.....	£8495
06 56 FUSION ZETEC 1-6 ZETEC CLIMATE AUTO PAS AIR BLUE 3000 MILES.....	£7495
06 56 FIESTA 1-6 CLIMATE AUTO PAS AIR/C BLUE 13000 MILES.....	£3995
06 56 FIESTA 1-4 ZETEC CLIMATE AUTO PAS AIR/C BLUE 1000 MILES.....	£7495
05 55 FUSION 1-6 AUTO PAS AIR/C ALLOYS SILVER 3000 MILES.....	£5995
04 04 FIESTA 1-4 LX AUTO PAS AIR/C ALLOYS SILVER 24000 MILES.....	£1495

FORD FOCUS HATCHES & 4 DOORS

08 08 NEW FOCUS 1-6 ZETEC 5DR AUTO PAS AIR/C BLACK 4000 MILES.....	£11495
08 08 NEW FOCUS 1-6 ZETEC 3DR AUTO PAS AIR/C KELP 4000 MILES.....	£3995
07 57 NEW FOCUS 1-6 STYLE AUTO PAS AIR/C BLUE 7000 MILES.....	£10495
07 57 FOCUS 1-6 ZETEC 5DR AUTO PAS AIR/C ALLOYS SILVER 7000 MILES.....	£8995
07 57 FOCUS 1-6 ZETEC 5DR AUTO PAS AIR/C ALLOYS GREEN 5000 MILES.....	£8995
07 57 FOCUS 1-6 ZETEC 3DR AUTO PAS AIR/C ALLOYS SEA GREY 13000 MILES.....	£8995
06 56 FOCUS 1-6 ZETEC CLIMATE AUTO PAS AIR OCEAN BLUE 11000 MILES.....	£7995
06 56 FOCUS 1-6 ZETEC CLIMATE AUTO PAS AIR TONIC BLUE 3000 MILES.....	£7995
06 56 FORD FOCUS GHIA AUTO PAS 5 DR AIR/C SEA GREY 13000 MILES.....	£7995
06 56 FOCUS 1-6 GHIA AUTO PAS 4 DR ALLOYS TONIC BLUE 13000 MILES.....	£7995
06 56 FOCUS 1-6 GHIA AUTO PAS 4 DR ALLOYS SILVER 17000 MILES.....	£7995
06 56 FOCUS 1-6 GHIA AUTO PAS 4 DR ALLOYS TANGO 18000 MILES.....	£7995
06 56 FOCUS 1-6 GHIA AUTO PAS 4 DR ALLOYS BLUE 12000 MILES.....	£7495
06 56 FOCUS 1-6 GHIA AUTO PAS 4 DR ALLOYS SILVER 21000 MILES.....	£7495
06 56 FOCUS 1-6 ZETEC CLIMATE AUTO PAS AIR/C ESTATE TONIC 16000 MILES.....	£7495
06 56 FOCUS 1-6 LX HATCH AUTO PAS AIR/C STRATOS SILVER 34000 MILES.....	£5995
05 55 FORD FOCUS GHIA 2-0 AUTO PAS 5 DR AIR/C SEA GREY 27000 MILES.....	£8995
04 54 FORD FOCUS 1-6 ZETEC CLIMATE AUTO PAS 3 DR SILVER 18000 MILES.....	£4995
03 03 FOCUS 2-0 GHIA AUTO 4 DOOR PAS AIR/C PEPPER RED 48000 MILES.....	£4995
03 03 FOCUS 2-0 GHIA AUTO 5 DOOR PAS AIR/C BLACK LEATHER 58000 MILES.....	£4995

FORD FOCUS ESTATES

07 57 FOCUS 1-6 STYLE ESTATE AUTO AIR/C MOONSTDL SILVER 1900 MILES.....	£8995
07 57 FOCUS 2-0 GHIA 5 DR AUTO PAS SEA GREY AIR 17000 MILES.....	£8995
06 56 FOCUS 2-0 GHIA ESTATE CAR AUTO PAS TONIC BLUE 23000 MILES.....	£8995
06 56 FOCUS 2-0 GHIA AUTO ESTATE PAS AIR/C TONIC BLUE 18000 MILES.....	£8495
06 56 FOCUS 1-6 LX ESTATE AUTO PAS AIR/C STEEL GREY 12000 MILES.....	£3995
06 56 FOCUS 1-6 LX ESTATE AUTO PAS AIR/C SILVER 17000 MILES.....	£5995
06 56 FOCUS 1-6 LX ESTATE AUTO PAS AIR/C SILVER 17000 MILES.....	£5995
06 56 FOCUS 1-6 LX ESTATE AUTO PAS AIR/C TANGO 21000 MILES.....	£5995
06 56 FOCUS 1-6 ZETEC CLIMATE ESTATE AUTO PAS AIR ALLOYS 11000 MILES.....	£7495

MONDEO

06 56 MONDEO 2-0 GHIA AUTO PAS 5 DR SILVER METALLIC 23000 MILES.....	£9495
06 56 MONDEO 2-0 LX AUTO PAS 5 DR AIR/C SILVER METALLIC 24000 MILES.....	£8495

CORSA

08 58 NEW CORSA 1-2 CLUB AUTO PAS AIR/C 3 DR ICE BLUE 300 MILES.....	£8995
08 58 NEW CORSA 1-2 CLUB AUTO PAS AIR/C 5 DR ICE BLUE 1300 MILES.....	£8995
07 57 NEW CORSA 1-4 DESIGN 3 DR AUTO PAS BLUE 9000 MILES.....	£39495
07 57 NEW CORSA 1-4 CLUB AUTO PAS AIR/C 3 DR ULTRA BLUE 15000 MILES.....	£7995
07 57 NEW CORSA 1-4 SX AUTO PAS AIR/C 5 DR BLUE 2000 MILES.....	£8995
07 56 NEW CORSA 1-4 DESIGN 5 DR AUTO PAS SILVER 9000 MILES.....	£7995
07 56 NEW CORSA 1-4 DESIGN 5 DR AUTO PAS AIR/C SILVER 5000 MILES.....	£7995
06 56 NEW CORSA 1-4 CLUB 5 DR AUTO PAS AIR/C MAUVE 19000 MILES.....	£7995
06 56 CORSA 1-4 ACTIVE 5 DR AIR/C AUTO PAS BLUE 16000 MILES.....	£5995
06 56 CORSA 1-4 DESIGN 3 DR AUTO PAS SILVER 23000 MILES.....	£8495
06 56 CORSA 1-4 DESIGN 5 DR AUTO PAS SILVER 11000 MILES.....	£3995
06 56 CORSA 1-4 DESIGN 3 DR AUTO PAS ULTRA BLUE 2000 MILES.....	£5995
04 53 CORSA 1-4 DESIGN 3 DR AUTO PAS SILVER 14000 MILES.....	£4995
03 53 CORSA 1-4 DESIGN 3 DR AUTO PAS SILVER 14000 MILES.....	£4995
02 52 CORSA 1-0 ECO 3 DR AUTO PAS SILVER C35 RITAX 39000 MILES.....	£3695

DAIHATSU

08 08 DAHATSU SIRION SE 1-3 5 DR AUTO PAS BLUE ICE 8000 MILES.....	£7995
06 56 DAHATSU SIRION SE 1-3 5 DR AUTO PAS SILVER 16000 MILES.....	£5995
06 56 DAHATSU CHARADE 1-0 5 DR AUTO PAS SILVER 12000 MILES.....	£4995

CITROENS

08 08 CITROEN C3 1-6 SX AUTO PAS 5 DR AIR/C BLUE 8000 MILES.....	£3995
08 08 CITROEN C3 1-6 SX AUTO PAS 5 DR AIR/C BLUE 8000 MILES.....	£3995
06 56 CITROEN PICASSO 2-0 EXCLUSIVE AUTO DIABLO 16000 MILES.....	£8495

MAZDA

07 57 MAZDA 3 TS AUTO PAS ALLOYS AIR/C 5 DR SILVER 8000 MILES.....	£10995
07 56 MAZDA 2 1-4S AUTO PAS ALLOYS AIR/C 5 DR MET BLUE 17000 MILES.....	£5995
06 56 MAZDA 6 TS AUTO PAS ALLOYS AIR/C 5 DR SEA GREY 1800 MILES.....	£3995
06 56 MAZDA 6 TS AUTO PAS ALLOYS AIR/C 5 DR MET BLUE 9000 MILES.....	£3995
06 56 MAZDA 6 TS AUTO PAS ALLOYS AIR/C 5 DR SEA GREY 21000 MILES.....	£3945

SUZUKI

07 07 SUZUKI 1-6 SX AUTO PAS ALLOYS AIR MET BLUE 12000 MILES.....	£8495
06 56 SUZUKI IGNIS 1-5 GL 5 DR AUTO PAS CATS EYES BLUE 15000 MILES.....	£5995
05 55 SUZUKI SWIFT 1-3 GLX 5 DR AUTO PAS AIR GREY 16000 MILES.....	£7495
05 55 SUZUKI LIANA 1-6 GLX 5 DR AUTO PAS AIR SILVER 51000 MILES.....	£4995

KIA

06 56 KIA PICANTO 1-1 LX 5 DR AUTO PAS AIR/CON 21000 MILES.....	£5995
06 56 KIA PICANTO 1-1 LX 5 DR AUTO PAS AIR/CON 17000 MILES.....	£5495

HYUNDAI

08 58 HYUNDAI 1-4 GETZ AUTO PAS 5 DOOR SEA GREY 12000 MILES.....	£7995
08 08 HYUNDAI AMICA 1-1 CDX 5 DR AUTO PAS MET GREY 5000 MILES.....	£5995
07 57 HYUNDAI ACCENT 3 DR ATLANTIC ALLOYS AUTO PAS 6000 MILES.....	£6995
07 57 HYUNDAI AMICA 1-1 CDX 5 DR AUTO PAS MET BLUE 5000 MILES.....	£6495
07 57 HYUNDAI AMICA 1-1 CDX 5 DR AUTO PAS YELLOW 9000 MILES.....	£5995
07 57 HYUNDAI AMICA 1-1 CDX 5 DR AUTO PAS MET BLUE 12000 MILES.....	£5995
06 56 HYUNDAI MATRIX 1-6 GSI AUTO PAS 5 DR SILVER GREEN 7000 MILES.....	£5995
06 56 HYUNDAI MATRIX 1-6 GSI AUTO PAS 5 DR SILVER GREEN 16000 MILES.....	£5995
06 56 HYUNDAI AMICA 1-1 CDX 5 DR AUTO PAS ELECTRIC BLUE 9000 MILES.....	£5495
06 56 HYUNDAI AMICA 1-1 CDX 5 DR AUTO PAS ELECTRIC BLUE 7000 MILES.....	£5495

TOYOTA

08 08 TOYOTA YARIS T3 AUTO PAS AIR/C 5 DR ALLOYS BLACK 8000 MILES.....	£3945
07 57 YARIS 1-3 ZINC 3 DR AUTO PAS ALLOYS BLACK UNDER 800 MILES.....	£8995
07 56 COROLLA 1-6 T 3 5 DR AUTO AIR/C IXION BLUE 12000 MILES.....	£9995
04 04 COROLLA 1-6 T1 SPIRIT 3 5 DR AUTO AIR/C MET SILVER 24000 MILES.....	£6995
02 02 TOYOTA YARIS VERSO 1-3 GLS AUTO PAS SILVER 22000 MILES.....	£5995

NISSAN

08 08 NISSAN MICRA TEKNA 5 DR AUTO PAS INFERNO RED 9000 MILES.....	£3945
08 08 NISSAN MICRA TEKNA 5 DR AUTO PAS BLADE SILVER 10000 MILES.....	£3945
08 08 NISSAN MICRA ACENTA 5 DR AUTO PAS BLADE SILVER 10000 MILES.....	£8495
08 08 NISSAN MICRA ACENTA 4 5 DR AUTO PAS CAFFE LATTE 4000 MILES.....	£8995
08 08 NISSAN MICRA ACENTA 4 5 DR AUTO PAS CAFFE LATTE 4000 MILES.....	£8995
07 57 NISSAN MICRA TEKNA 5 DR AUTO PAS FADED DENIM 14000 MILES.....	£8995
07 57 NISSAN NOTE ACENTA 5 DR AUTO PAS CAFFE LATTE 4000 MILES.....	£8995
06 56 NISSAN MICRA SPIRITA 5 DR AUTO PAS PACIFIC BLUE 5000 MILES.....	£7495
06 56 NISSAN MICRA INTIA 1-2 3 DR AUTO PAS BLADE SILVER 27000 MILES.....	£5995
06 56 NISSAN MICRA SPIRITA 5 DR AUTO PAS PACIFIC BLUE 5000 MILES.....	£7495
06 56 NISSAN MICRA SPIRITA 5 DR AUTO PAS PACIFIC BLUE 11000 MILES.....	£7495
06 56 NISSAN MICRA SVE 3 DR AUTO PAS INFERNO RED 23000 MILES.....	£6995
06 56 NISSAN MICRA SVE 3 DR AUTO PAS ICE BLUE 12000 MILES.....	£6995
06 56 NISSAN MICRA 1-2 S 5 DR AUTO PAS PACIFIC BLUE 11000 MILES.....	£8495
06 56 NISSAN MICRA 1-2 S 5 DR AUTO PAS PACIFIC BLUE 18000 MILES.....	£6495
04 04 NISSAN MICRA 1-2 SE 5 DR AUTO PAS BLUE 12000 MILES.....	£5495
04 53 NISSAN MICRA 1-2 SE 3 DR AUTO PAS ARUBA BLUE 11000 MILES.....	£5495
03 53 NISSAN MICRA 1-2 SE 3 DR AUTO PAS BLUE 2000 MILES.....	£5995
03 53 NISSAN TINO 1-8 S 5 DR AUTO PAS BLUE AIR/C 51000 MILES.....	£3995
03 53 NISSAN TINO 1-8 S 5 DR AUTO PAS BLUE AIR/C 32000 MILES.....	£4495
03 53 NISSAN ALMERA 1-8 S 5 DR AUTO PAS BLUE AIR/C 31000 MILES.....	£3995

SKODA

08 58 SKODA ROOMSTER 2 AUTO PAS AIR/C BLACK 6000 MILES.....	£39495
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MG ROVER

03 03 ROVER 45 IMPRESSION AUTO PAS AIR/C NIGHTFIRE RED 43000 MILES.....	£2995
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CHEVROLET

09 09 CHEVROLET LACETTI 1-6 SX AUTO PAS 5 DR SILVER 900 MILES.....	£7995
08 58 CHEVROLET AVEO LT 4 SX AUTO PAS AIR/C TURQUOISE 1000 MILES.....	£7995
06 56 CHEVROLET LACETTI 1-6 SX AUTO PAS 5 DR BLACK 600 MILES.....	£6995
06 56 CHEVROLET KALOS 1-4 SX 5 DR AUTO PAS POLY SILVER 10000 MILES.....	£3995
08 57 CHEVROLET MATIZ SE AUTO PAS 5 DR BLUE 5000 MILES.....	£5495
07 57 KALOS 1-4 SX SDR AUTO PAS AIR/C BLUE METALLIC 1400 MILES.....	£5995
06 56 CHEVROLET MATIZ SE AUTO PAS 5 DR BLUE 12000 MILES.....	£4995
06 56 CHEVROLET LACETTI 1-6 SX AUTO PAS 5 DR SILVER 17000 MILES.....	£3995
06 56 CHEVROLET LACETTI 1-6 SX AUTO PAS 5 DR SILVER 15000 MILES.....	£5995
06 56 KALOS 1-4 SX SDR AUTO PAS AIR/C BLUE METALLIC 36000 MILES.....	£4995
06 56 CHEVROLET LACETTI 1-6 SX AUTO PAS 5 DR BLUE 8000 MILES.....	£5495
03 53 DAEWOO KALOS 1-4 SX AUTO PAS POLY SILVER 46000 MILES.....	£3995

VOLKSWAGEN

08 58 VW POLO 1-4 MATCH 5 DR 6 SPD AUTO PAS AIR/C BLUE 8000 MILES.....	£3995
08 58 VW POLO 1-4 MATCH 5 DR 6 SPD AUTO PAS AIR/C BLACK 8000 MILES.....	£39495
07 57 VW POLO 1-4 S 5 DR AUTO PAS AIR/C BLACK 20000 MILES.....	£7995
06 56 VW POLO 1-4 S 5 DR AUTO PAS AIR/C BLACK 17000 MILES.....	£7995
06 56 VW GOLF 1-4 S 5 DR AUTO PAS AIR/C SILVER METALLIC 29000 MILES.....	£3995
06 56 VW GOLF 1-4 S 5 DR AUTO PAS AIR/C GREY METALLIC 10000 MILES.....	£10995
05 55 VW POLO 1-4 TWIST 5 DR AUTO PAS SILVER 30000 MILES.....	£6995

ASTRA HATCHES

08 08 ASTRA 1-8 DESIGN AUTO PAS HATCH ULTRA BLUE 20000 MILES.....	£8995
08 57 ASTRA 1-8 LIFE AUTO PAS AIR/C 5 DR SILVER 20000 MILES.....	£39495
07 57 ASTRA 1-8 DESIGN AUTO PAS ALLOYS 5 DOOR SILVER 17000 MILES.....	£7995
07 57 ASTRA 1-8 LIFE AUTO PAS AIR 5 DR TURQUOISE UNDER 300 MILES.....	£8495
07 57 ASTRA 1-8 LIFE AUTO PAS AIR/C 5 DR PEACOCK BLUE 15000 MILES.....	£6995
07 57 ASTRA 1-8 LIFE AUTO PAS AIR/C 5 DR TURQUOISE 19000 MILES.....	£6995
07 57 ASTRA 1-8 LIFE AUTO PAS AIR/C 5 DR TURQUOISE 6000 MILES.....	£7495
07 57 ASTRA 1-8 LIFE AUTO PAS AIR/C 5 DR SILVER 40000 MILES.....	£7495
07 56 ASTRA 1-8 LIFE AUTO PAS 5 DR AIR/C STAR SILVER 17000 MILES.....	£6495
06 56 ASTRA 1-8 DESIGN AUTO PAS ALLOYS 5 DR SILVER 12000 MILES.....	£7995
06 56 ASTRA 1-8 LIFE AUTO 5 DR HATCH PAS ULTRA BLUE 7000 MILES.....	£6995
06 56 ASTRA 1-6 LIFE AUTO PAS AIR 5 DR POMMEGRANITE 12000 MILES.....	£5995

ASTRA ESTATES

08 58 ASTRA 1-8 LIFE AUTO PAS AIR/C ESTATE BLUE 12000 MILES.....	£8995
08 58 ASTRA 1-8 LIFE AUTO PAS AIR/C ESTATE SILVER 12000 MILES.....	£8495
07 57 ASTRA 1-8 DESIGN AUTO PAS ESTATE METRO BLUE 14000 MILES.....	£8995
07 57 ASTRA 1-8 DESIGN LIFE AUTO PAS ESTATE MET GREY 7000 MILES.....	£8495
07 07 ASTRA 1-8 LIFE AUTO PAS AIR/C ESTATE PANACOTTA 6000 MILES.....	£7495
06 56 ASTRA 1-8 LIFE AUTO 5 DR ESTATE PAS AIR PANACOTTA 17000 MILES.....	£6995
06 56 ASTRA 1-8 LIFE AUTO 5 DR ESTATE PAS AIR STAR SILVER 8000 MILES.....	£6995
06 56 ASTRA 1-8 LIFE AUTO 5 DR ESTATE PAS AIR METRO BLUE 1000 MILES.....	£6995
06 56 ASTRA 1-8 DESIGN AUTO PAS ALLOYS ESTATE SILVER 11000 MILES.....	£7995
06 56 ASTRA 1-8 DESIGN AUTO PAS ALLOYS ESTATE SILVER 13000 MILES.....	£7995
06 56 ASTRA 1-8 DESIGN AUTO AIR 5 DR ESTATE ULTRA BLUE 13000M.....	£7495
06 56 ASTRA 1-8 LIFE AUTO 5 DR ESTATE PAS AIR ULTRA BLUE 12000 MILES.....	£6495
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Skoda winds up the Audi set both inside and out

CLEARLY no favours are sought or given at the Volkswagen group.

You only have to look at how VW bargain brand Skoda's Superb Estate, launched this week, stacks up impressively against VW posh brand Audi's A6 Avant.

The Czech car starts at £17,715 with generous standard kit and the German exec model starts at 10 grand more with a fairly ordinary spec; with the recession refusing to lie down and die, some punters and companies will surely junk the idea of a snob badge and opt for the Skoda.

On top of keen pricing, it also

brings class-leading legroom and boot space and a choice of three petrol and three diesel engines.

The entry powertrain is the turbocharged 125bhp 1.4 TSI petrol engine, which might be too pathetic for a car likely to be well-laden at times, but there is also a cut-price Audi A6 Avant Quattro option in the 260bhp 3.6-litre V6 4x4 estate (£29,075) with the VW group's classy DSG 'box – the auto that can be driven as a manual.

Most buyers though will surely check out the diesels (from £18,185) also including a 4x4 version (from £23,770).

And Seat's Audi bargain is even better for new '10 reg

WE called it the "Audi for Seat money" and it's now even better value.

For Seat is offering three-year zero per cent finance on most executive class Exeo and Exeo ST (estate) models during new '10 reg March in return for a deposit of around 40 per cent – the best-selling SE 2.0 TDI 143 PS costs from just £339/month.

This represents a cracking deal on a car, which is essentially a previous generation Audi A4 – and still a competitive package – now tastefully updated by Seat and with an improved ride.

Cabin quality has also been enhanced by carrying over the dashboard from its VW group sister brand Audi's A4 Cabriolet – something of a coup for the Spanish marque.



Cheap to keep people moving with Doblo II



IT WAS never the prettiest or best-named car, but Fiat's Doblo budget van-based MPV has been one of the cheapest ways to move five-seven people around.

But the all-new Mark II – just three per cent of components are carried over – arrives shortly and is claimed to be more spacious, more comfortable, safer and better to drive, yet is still keenly priced from £12,295 – just £500 more than before.

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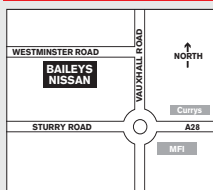
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FUTURE: New Saab Spyker era will soon be ushered in by the 9-5 replacement, though still with a heavy technological debt to GM

by
STEVELOADER

IS THE Saab saga over or is there still a final tale to be told?

Just weeks ago it looked as though the troubled Swedish brand's plants would simply close, after several abortive attempts by owner General Motors to find a buyer.

At the 11th hour, it was then revealed that Saab would be re-born after 20 years in the GM stable, this time as partner to another re-born company, Spyker of Holland, and underpinned by a 400 million euro loan from EU 'state' lender, the European Investment Bank.

It's a curious marriage though; Saab is more lower volume executive brand than mass producer, but its new partner is the maker of ultra low volume hand-crafted supercars founded in 1999, and using a luxury car branding that died out in 1929.

Coincidentally, Swedish supercar maker Koenigsegg was an earlier prospective Saab partner, but junked the deal last November.



CELEBRATION: Saab's classic 9-3 convertible is now available on 'Independence deals'

Saab re-Bjorn

There is no shortage of scepticism about the viability of Saab Spyker, but no lack of goodwill for Saab particularly.

The car brand, originally part of the still thriving Saab aerospace company, began production in 1949, majoring on aerodynamic styling and innovative engineering.

It was a major promoter of front-wheel drive and championed turbocharging, having decided that boosting its four-cylinder engines would be a far cheaper route to higher outputs than developing a new six-cylinder unit to take on German rivals.

Turbocharging helped it develop its most successful model ever, the 1980s-vintage 900,

but the company's finances were faltering and GM took a hold on the company in 1989.

Many books are waiting to be written on why this partnership never gelled, but the simple truth is that independent Saab had enjoyed a staunch and intellectual following – once reported to be 10 times more passionate about their cars than VW drivers, for instance.

But these aficionados were probably never going to be numerous enough to keep Saab from the clutches of a giant like GM.

Once under the GM umbrella, Saab had access to the GM technology 'toy shop' and economies of scale, but these so-called clones were not really what loyal 'Saabites' wanted –

nor what would-be BMW, Audi and Mercedes buyers wanted either.

Despite the latest deal though and the fact that tooling for current 9-3 and 9-5 models has already been sold to Chinese carmaker BAIC, the GM legacy will survive a little longer, since GM has guaranteed to supply Saab Spyker with technology for the time being and it is hard to disguise the debt owed by the forthcoming 9-5 replacement to the current Vauxhall/Opel Insignia.

But news of the reborn company has been a relief to UK dealers battered by recession and most staged an 'Independence Event' last weekend with tempting deals on new and approved used models.

Michael Low, of north west Kent Saab dealer Whitmore's, Chislehurst, said: "When we heard the news Saab was to be bought by luxury Dutch car maker Spyker, we wanted to give our customers a way to celebrate this new era with us."

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5008 MPV shows double act 'straight man' cutting loose

DrivingReview



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PEUGEOT 5008



THERE probably isn't a lot of Gallic shoulder-shrugging and table thumping at Peugeot.

One gets the impression histrionics are left to its partner Citroën, which displays such extra emotion through cars to challenge the eye and preconceptions.

But the straight man of this double act has had enough; Peugeot bosses won't have said anything as dramatic as "merde!" – more like a French "oh, dear" – but le worm has definite-

ly turned. In quick succession we've seen a credible rival to Nissan's Qashqai (3008), await a stunning and affordable rival to the Audi TT (RCZ Coupe), been bouche-smacked by a supercar concept and heard plans to take the 'Lion Brand' from No10 to No7 in global production volumes within five years by launching 14 new models.

And, by the way, Peugeot has junked years of policy by launching one of the classiest people carriers around – the new seven-seat 5008 (from £17,345). The company had been sniffy

about MPVs; brand success came from selling capacious estate cars such as the 404 and 504 models into the rural French market, so MPVs were left to quirky Citroën.

Though I rather liked the Peugeot approach, which usually delivers the better drive, dealers and sales have had their say, so we now have the marque's first homegrown MPV – I'm discounting the so-so 806 and 807, which were Peugeot versions of joint effort.

Admittedly, the 5008 is underpinned by Citroën C4 Grand Picasso bits, but the rest is

all Peugeot and mostly lives up to the 'Enjoyed by families – loved by drivers' marketing.

It scores top marks on the first, but that's an MPV must have. 'Loved by drivers' is stretching the point though; a lofty car like this that has to ride well, even when laden with up to seven-plus luggage, can struggle to please a keen driver and the 5008 feels unruly when asked to work a fast rural road.

It loses out there to the Ford S-Max, but that car cannot match the Peugeot's ride quality, so it comes down to personal preference.



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And the 5008 may swing it as a class act inside and out. The exterior is smart and the corporate ‘gaping maw’ front is missing – though Peugeot is tight-lipped about the significance of this.

The executive class cabin features exemplary fit and finish – how Peugeot has raised its game here lately – plus the vital versatility MPV buyers demand.

The 5008 has good individual seating for seven or multiple permutations and with all five rear seats capable of folding flat for van



duties. The rearmost pair also take adults rather than being restricted to passengers who keep asking dad “are we there yet?” when he’s already ratty from having to buy an MPV.

Not surprisingly, the flagship Exclusive spec test car with a 1.6-litre HDi 110bhp diesel helped first impressions with its full-length panoramic roof plus powered sunblind and a brilliant head-up display showing speed and a distance alert for the car in front reflected in your sight line – surely a relatively inexpensive feature to come for all cars?

However, I was in two minds about the test car’s six-speed EGC (electronic gearbox controlled) transmission – much the same can be said for the device itself.

On paper, this clutchless manual delivers better and greener performance than the manual for just £400, but the fully auto changes are jerky and erratic. Buy it if you mostly prefer manual changes and would likely use auto only in town traffic – don’t buy if you habitually drive an automatic because it won’t be smooth enough in most situations.

DrivingPortfolio

PEUGEOT 5008 1.6 HDi 110
EXCLUSIVE EGC £22,445

Driving appeal	★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
How green?	★★★★★
Road tax	£120/year
Best rival	Ford S-Max

TheVerdict

DON'T LIKE:
the EGC (electronic gearbox controlled) option – nice idea but best avoided

NOT SURE:
the 5008 really lives up to the ‘loved by drivers’ marketing line

REALLY LIKE:
the executive level of luxury and flexibility at this price – simply one of the best MPVs

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CROSSFIRE, V6, cx04 gue, air conditioning, full leather, electric seats, heated seats, remote central locking, remote alarm, electric windows, electric mirrors, power steering, height adjustable seat, twin air bags, side air bags, abs, auto-dip rearview, cruise control, adjustable steering column, cd player, radio, front fog lamps, rear spoiler, alloy wheels, blue, 60100 miles, £7495, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

GRAND VOYAGER, yx06 wtm, air conditioning, climate control, power steering, full leather, head restraints, electric seats, remote central locking, remote alarm, electric windows, electric mirrors, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, privacy glass, parking sensor, centre armrest, multi-disc cd player, radio, twin air bags, curtain airbags, cruise control, traction control, abs, auto-dip rearview, powered folding mirrors, trip computer, adjustable steering column, height adjustable seat, roof rails, alloy wheels, stow & go, silver, 47200 miles, £11995, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

SEBRING, Limited Leather, ko08mxj, remote central locking, immobiliser, full leather, head restraints, power steering, abs, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, cd player, air conditioning, electric windows, stability control, cruise control, multiple airbags, isofix, heated seats, height adjustable seat, electric seats, rear armrest, rear headrests, front fog lamps, powered folding mirrors, 18" alloys, gloss black, 26000 miles, £8499, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

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C-CROSSER, VTR 7 seat, 2010, 4x4 abs brakes air con alarm fitted alloys cd player central locking cruise control diesel drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights full service history immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering sat nav traction control trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points, grey, 5000 miles, £22000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

C1, VTR, 2009, abs brakes air con cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering, red, 500 miles, £7500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

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C2, 1.1 i VTR, 2009, abs brakes air con cd player electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, silver, 13 miles, £8000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

C3, Desire, 2006, abs brakes cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser power steering single cd player split folding rear seats trip computer front passenger air bag deactivation switch remote central locking, red, 17500 miles, £5500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

C4, Grand Picasso, pas, abs, remote central locking, front electric windows, front fog lights, radio/cd, trip computer, cruise control, side airbags, electric door mirrors, steering wheel rake adjustment, drivers airbag, audio remote control, height adjustable drivers seat, traction control, 3x3 point rear seat belts, roof rails, immobiliser, service indicator, cloth seat trim, isofix child seat anchor points, red, 22935 miles, £11995, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

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F430, SPIDER, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking climate control drivers airbag electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint leather interior power steering sports seats traction control, red, 5500 miles, £92900, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

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500, SPORT, 2008, air conditioning bluetooth car kit cd player diesel electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags front passenger air bag deactivation switch remote central locking remote audio controls, silver, 18245 miles, £10000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

500, 1.3 MULTJET SPORT, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels bluetooth car kit cd player diesel electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags front passenger air bag deactivation switch remote central locking remote audio controls, silver, 18245 miles, £10000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

BRAVO, 1.4 T-JET DYNAMIC, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels bluetooth car kit cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering single cd player tonneau cover trip computer twin airbags front passenger air bag deactivation switch remote central locking, techno grey, 19254 miles, £8500, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

BRAVO, 1.4 ACTIVE, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning cd player electric windows immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering split folding rear seats tonneau cover front passenger air bag deactivation switch remote central locking, epic grey, 17830 miles, £7000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

GRANDE PUNTO, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player drivers airbag electric windows full service history immobiliser multiple airbags power steering trip computer remote central locking remote audio controls, crossover black, 17869 miles, £6000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

MULTIPLA, 2.0, 2008, black, 50 miles, £15000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

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FIESTA, Style 1.4 Tdci, 2007, moonstul silver with charcoal trim, 23000 miles, £5990, Strood, 01634 296688 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 3, 017vzk, insurance group 4 abs air conditioning alloy wheels body coloured bumpers drivers airbag electricdoor mirrors folding rear seats front electric windows front fog lights heated door mirrors height adjustable multiple airbags power steering reverse parking aid sports seats tinted glass trip computer front parking sensors remote central locking isofix child seat points quickclear windscreen remote audio controls, red, 27632 miles, £14000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

FOCUS, 2.5 ST-2, 2009, abs brakes air con alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights immob multiple airbags power steering reverse parking aid sports seats tinted glass traction control trip computer remote central locking quickclear windscreen remote audio controls, colorado red, 4609 miles, £17000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

FOCUS, 1.6 Econetic TDCi, 2009, abs brakes air con alarm fitted cd player diesel drivers airbag electric windows immob metallic paint multiple airbags power steering trip computer remote central locking remote audio controls, moonstul silver, 6802 miles, £12000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

S-MAX, 1.8 Titanium TDCi, 2007, abs brakes air con alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player cruise control diesel drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights full service history half leather trim immob metallic paint multiple airbags power steering reverse parking aid sports seats tinted glass trip computer front parking sensors remote central locking isofix child seat points quickclear windscreen remote audio controls, red, 27632 miles, £14000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

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ACCORD, 2.2 Executive, 2009, abs brakes alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player central locking climate control cruise control diesel drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights full service history heated seats immobiliser metallic paint multi cd player power fold mirrors leather interior load liner power steering reverse parking aid satellite navigation split folding rear seats sun roof tinted glass electric control twin airbags panoramic sunroof front parking sensors remote central locking dual passenger seat, colbolt blue, 7000 miles, £25500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

CIVIC, SE 5dr Auto, y832 mpu, air con, power steering, remote central locking, remote alarm, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, electric windows, electric mirrors, electric sunroof, cloth upholstery, adjustable steering column, abs, cd player, radio, silver, 58000 miles, £3795, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

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JAZZ, 1.4SE, 2005, abs brakes air con alarm fitted alloy wheels auto transmission cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors load liner single cd player split folding rear seats tinted glass, silver, 41441 miles, £7000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

JAZZ, 1.4SE, 2005, abs brakes air con alarm fitted alloys cd player central locking electric windows full service history metallic paint power fold mirrors power steering split folding rear seats tinted glass twin airbags, cool rose, 50561 miles, £6400, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

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CARENS, 5, iv08cxt, insurance group 10 abs alarm alloy wheels audio remote control body coloured bumpers climate control cruise control drivers airbag electricdoor mirrors electric sunroof folding rear seats front electric windows front fog lights heated door mirrors height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser passenger airbag power steering radio/cd rear electric windows remote central locking reverse parking aid central locking climate control wheel rake adjustment trip computer, pure silver, 13400 miles, £11995, Beckenham, 0208 662 6133 (TRADE)

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PRO CEED, 3, lx09xso, insurance group 6 abs alarm alloy wheels audio remote control body coloured bumpers central locking climate control drivers airbag electricdoor mirrors folding rear seats front electric windows front fog lights half leather seats heated door mirrors height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser passenger airbag power steering radio/cd remote central locking side airbags steering wheel rake adjustment steering wheel reach adjustment trip computer, silver storm, 2000 miles, £12495, Beckenham, 0208 662 6133 (TRADE)

RIO, 5, kk57nze, insurance group 4 abs air conditioning body coloured bumpers central locking drivers airbag folding rear seats front electric windows height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser passenger airbag power steering radio/cd steering wheel rake adjustment, sapphire blue, 8000 miles, £7995, Beckenham, 0208 662 6133 (TRADE)

LOTUS

ELISE, 1.8 S, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player electric windows front fog lights metallic paint leather interior power steering sports seats tinted glass tonneau cover remote central locking, grey, 18247 miles, £17000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

EXIGE, 1.8 S SPORTPACK, 2009, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint leather interior power steering single cd player sports seats tinted glass traction control remote central locking, silver, 14800 miles, £25000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

MAZDA

2, SPORT, 2008, abs brakes alloy wheels climate control cruise control electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors multiple airbags power steering single cd player split folding rear seats trip computer curtain airbags remote central locking isofix child seat points auto headlights and wipers multi functional tuneupoint (i-pod and mp3 connection) remote audio controls, grey, 10468 miles, £10000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

2, 1.3 TS2, 2009, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint tinted glass trip computer twin airbags dual passenger seat, metropolitan grey, 4200 miles, £10000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

MX-5, Sport, 2007, abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels central locking electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint, black, 20991 miles, £10000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

RX-8, Sport, 2004, black, 77000 miles, £6000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

PEUGEOT

1007, Dolce, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering, black, 22173 miles, £5500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

206, 1.6 Quiksilver, 2003, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights full service history immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering sports seats trip computer remote central locking roof bars remote audio controls, aluminium silver, 48855 miles, £5000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

206, Zest 3, 2005, abs brakes cd player central locking drivers airbag full service history immobiliser power steering single cd player split folding rear seats trip computer remote central locking, black, 44000 miles, £5000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

PARTNER, Combi, 52, partner van, 1.9i diesel one, white, 37000 miles, £1800, Kullit dhesi, chatham, 07890 495 064 (PRIVATE)

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911 TURBO, 2008, abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking climate control electric windows heated seats immobiliser leather interior multiple airbags power fold mirrors power steering reverse parking aid satellite navigation sunroof, silver, 13539 miles, £74900, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

BOXSTER, 2.5 ROADSTER, 1998, abs brakes alloy wheels cd player central locking electric windows immobiliser metallic paint power steering single cd player remote central locking, blue, 116607 miles, £7000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

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CLIO, 3, ly52klo, insurance group 3 abs audio remote control body coloured bumpers drivers airbag electricdoor mirrors folding rear seats front electric windows heated door mirrors height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser passenger airbag power steering radio/cd remote central locking side airbags steering wheel rake adjustment sunroof 3 owners, platinum, 40000 miles, £3483, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

ESPACE, Expression, 2003, abs brakes air con alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player electric windows front fog lights immob metallic paint multiple airbags power steering trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, silver metallic, 61000 miles, £5000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

LAGUNA, dCi 150 Dynamique S, 2009, abs brakes air con alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking climate control cruise control drivers airbag electric windows immob multiple airbags power steering satellite navigation, black, 12000 miles, £12000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

MEGANE, 1.6, 2008, grey, 44 miles, £22600, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

MEGANE, Extreme 2, 2008, abs brakes air con alarm fitted alloy wheels drivers airbag electric windows immob multiple airbags power steering single cd player split folding rear seats trip computer twin airbags remote central locking isofix child seat points, red, 19700 miles, £7000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

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ASTRA, Life Ac 16v 5dr Auto, gu56 htx, air con, power steering, abs, remote central locking, remote alarm, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, electric front windows, cloth upholstery, cd player, radio, twin air bags, silver, 20400 miles, £6495, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

CORSA, VXR 1598cc 3 door, 2008, cd player alloys central locking approved driver's airbag multiple airbags power steering history check electric windows, flame red, 11580 miles, £13995, Sittingbourne, 01795 476222 (TRADE)

VECTRA, V6 Elite Auto, 2004, pearl-black sapphire, 34631 miles, £3999, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

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Entrepreneurs are 'tied up in red tape'

By **STEVE LOADER**

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BOSSES in Kent say our recession-hit businesses are shouldering a hefty share of a burden of Government red tape costing more than £80 billion a year.

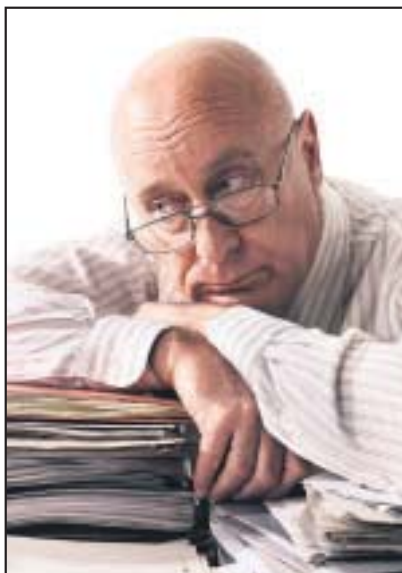
According to a report this week by the Institute of Directors (IoD) the crippling sum – equal to 5.7 per cent of the nation's gross domestic product (GDP) – is lost as business leaders spend more than a month out of their working year wading through bureaucracy.

Ministers also stand accused of 'incentivising' bureaucrats to give entrepreneurs even less room to manoeuvre as the UK crawls away from the downturn. The IoD says its findings are based on the experiences of real people running real businesses.

Instead of relying on Government figures, the bosses' forum quantified the working hours that company directors and their staff spend daily handling Government regulation, and then checked these against working hours using remuneration data.

Labelled as the IoD's 'new approach', it rubbishes Government claims that its measures cost business £13bn a year and reckons the real figure at more than six times that.

Armed with the figures, IoD South East director Rodger Broad said: "We're calling for a



BOGGED DOWN: The IoD claims red tape costs UK companies £80 billion a year

culture change in Government. For business to survive, let alone thrive, we need to improve its freedom to operate so it can stimulate growth and all-important job creation."

Miles Templeman, IoD director general and

chairman of Kent-based brewer Shepherd Neame, said: "This situation can't be allowed to continue, it needs to change."

"£80bn is effectively being taken out of the UK economy each year due to excessive regulatory paperwork. When the regulatory burden is so large that it typically occupies one employee in every private enterprise in the UK for nearly half a year, it's obvious we have a problem."

Mr Broad added: "The £80bn a year is the cost of all the hours spent form filling, reading guidance, taking advice and performing other administrative duties associated with regulation. It doesn't even include the cost to companies of having to adapt their behaviour to comply with regulation."

"This isn't a debate about diluting protections, because form filling doesn't protect anyone. This is about getting a culture change in Whitehall."

"Officials are incentivised to produce legislation. Unless the next Government changes the way civil servants are evaluated and rewarded, businesses will continue to face a large and ever-increasing burden of paper work that hinders them from growing and, ultimately, creating jobs."

Breaking down its findings, the IoD believes the company directors of Kent are spending 13 hours a month administering Government red tape – the equivalent of working from January 1 to February 4 each year on regulation administration – and office workers may spend 73 hours a month on red tape.

Airport cleared for take-off after heated debate

SEVEN hours of heated debate prefaced approval this week of two planning applications covering expansion at Lydd Airport.

It was 2am before Shepway District Council voted 27 to 12 in favour of the £25 million scheme for a runway extension and new terminal, countermanding the advice of their planning officers and prompting vows from protesters to fight on.

Lydd Airport Action Group's legal adviser, Matthew Horton QC, insists the decision is contrary to European law as Shepway councillors have not correctly interpreted the Habitats Regulations and the group will now ask the Government for a public inquiry.

'Victory'

Nevertheless, Lydd Airport MD Jonathan Gordon claimed the council decision – only two councillors abstained – as "a victory for the people of Shepway" boosting the district's future economic hopes and creating the prospect of hundreds of jobs.

He said: "We put forward a compelling case for allowing the controlled development of the airport and when councillors took stock of the overwhelming body of evidence in front of them, they were persuaded to vote in a positive way. They have made the right choice for the future of our community."

He also claimed the support of many local residents and businesses, who favoured the construction of a 294-metre runway extension plus a 150-metre starter apron and new terminal to handle up to 500,000 passengers a year.

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Pensions and a one-horse race

AS YOU may well be aware, most employees – irrespective of the size of their employer – will be auto-enrolled into a pension scheme sometime between 2013 and 2017.

Employee and employer will have to pay into the pension, unless the employee opts out, in which case neither has to pay.

As to which pension scheme is used, that is largely down to the employer.

The employer may already have a good pension scheme in place that will do the job.

However, if they do not, there will be an off-the-shelf scheme available designed by the Government.

The Government set up the Personal Account Delivery Authority (PADA) at great expense to design the scheme and, again at great expense, they have rebranded it NEST.

The big question was: 'Who is going to run this scheme?' And, as is the case with most large contracts this size, it was put out to tender.

Over the tender period and for various reasons, Logica, Great-West Retirement Services (Europe) and ATP Group pulled out, leaving Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) as the only bidder. I think this is the perfect definition of a one-horse race and it came as no surprise this week when TCS was awarded the contract.

There is a lot of spin being put on it by pensions ministers and PADA that TCS would have been the best anyway, but one must fear that Lib Dem pension spokesman Steve Webb is on to something when he says the Government was held over a barrel.

I am sure there will be more information available over coming months on how NEST is shaping up, although it is likely to be lost in overdone election coverage and it will be interesting to see how the election result impacts on PADA and its NEST proposals.



OPEN ROAD: Design students have suggested using high-visibility asphalt to indicate the presence of potholes

Bright idea, but not wholly appropriate

By **STEVE LOADER**

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WE ALL know the potholes in Kent roads need some looking out for after the ravages of one of the worst winters for years.

But Dartford-based highways and construction firm FM Conway has been forced to rubbish one idea to make potholes more easily visible to drivers. Students in Italy's design capital of Milan had suggested that an industry in which the wearing of 'hi-vis' vests is obligatory, could also give potholes higher visibility to make it easier for drivers to spot and avoid them.

They came up with a brightly-coloured layer of asphalt a few inches beneath the road surface, which becomes visible when the road surface breaks up.

A spokesman for the students said: "We have compared the road surface to the human skin – when we are wounded, we start to bleed."

But FM Conway MD Mike Conway was unimpressed. "It's a novel idea but it's not the right solution for the UK right now," he said.

"To make layers of tarmac stick together we use a bituminous coating that acts as a glue and you'd have to go right back to the manufacturing stage and work out how to make it bright yellow.

"We should be looking at how to reduce costs by doing the job right in the first place, rather than creating expensive solutions that only

have an effect once the hole is already there."

Duncan McClure Fisher, MD of road maintenance campaign Potholes.co.uk, was also sceptical.

"We're all for pothole solutions that protect the motorist from potential car damage or personal injury, but the solution is not entirely practical and it doesn't tackle the real issue of preventing potholes in the first place," he said.

Meanwhile, the county's motorists await the start of Kent County Council's 'find and fix' repairs mission to start in mid-April, using a £1 million emergency fund prompted by the wintry onslaught.

KCC has called on the county's small and medium-sized contractors to put in for the job of doing "a quality find and fix" on the pothole menace.

New face at Lloyds TSB

BUSINESS borrowers across the county have a new face to deal with at Lloyds TSB – Sharon Geoghegan is the bank's new corporate markets director for the South East.

As large corporate area director, Sharon heads a new team of 20 relationship directors and managers, focusing on businesses turning over in excess of £15 million.

But the Kent part of her patch is new territory after six years looking after large corporates in Surrey and Sussex, though she is keen to deploy some well-honed networking skills here.

"I am delighted to be given the opportunity to lead the newly created South East team and am confident that the extra dedicated resources we have will enable us to make a real difference in the area," she said.

"We have ambitious plans and will contin-

ue to grow our franchise by remaining focused on building and maintaining relationships with new and existing customers, and also local professionals.

"Through our relationship banking approach, we offer customers the best day-to-day support and assistance."


She added that her team members' objective is to become a trusted adviser to customers on aspects such as working capital, risk management and access to debt and equity capital markets.

Sharon added: "It has been a difficult few years for businesses in the region as a result of the downturn, but with an enlarged team in place we are committed to supporting businesses through challenging times and one of my goals in 2010 is to ensure local businesses are ready to take advantage of the upturn."



Sharon Geoghegan

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Green has a need for innovation

ENVIRONMENTAL concerns are a feature of our times, but a green awards scheme for the county's businesses is now in its 22nd year, *writes Steve Loader*.

And the Environment Awards for Kent Business continues the hunt for firms across many sectors that place the environment at the top of their business agenda.

Alex Green, sustainable business programme manager at Kent County Council and awards organiser, said: "We want to hear from any company that has minimised its impact on the environment or has had a positive impact in the community – the more innovative, the better."

"If you are striving to be the best, then let everyone know about it. Marketing your green credentials can really benefit your business and can help gain a competitive edge."

A shortlist of 12 organisations will receive a visit from the judging panel and the top five entries, as well as the Kent Environment Business of the Year 2010, will be recognised at a black tie ceremony to be held at Salomons, near Tunbridge Wells, on September 23.

Cllr Nick Chard, KCC's cabinet member for environment, highways and waste, said: "Organisations that have entered the awards in the past have proved that huge cost savings can be made through environmental best practice."

"The recession has created difficult situations for the county's businesses, but through our Backing Kent Business campaign, we're doing our best to help. The economic situation may have improved a little since this time last year but companies are still being careful and financial savings, as well as environmental ones, are always beneficial to any organisation." The awards are sponsored by KCC, energy company E.ON, Business Support Kent CIC and the Environment Agency.

The current holder of the Kent Environment Business of the Year title is the 16th century Rose and Crown pub in Selling, near Faversham.

Over two years, staff slashed waste by 70 per cent, cut electricity use by 19 per cent and, by weaving green alternatives into the business plan,

boosted gross profit margins by six-nine per cent year on year.

Ms Green said: "Last year, we were particularly impressed by the Rose and Crown's owners who encourage other local businesses to be as sustainable as the pub itself."

"We also felt that at a time when the industry was suffering, they had

a great model that could be applied to other pubs to create significant financial savings, making them a worthy winner."

Entries for the Environment Awards for Kent Business 2010 must be submitted before Friday, April 30. Click on www.kent.gov.uk/environmentawards for more details.



TOP PRIZE: Organiser Alex Green with the environment awards trophy, at Salomons, where this year's ceremony will be held

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IoD challenge

FORMER Kent Air Ambulance Trust chief executive David Philpott has landed the chairmanship of the Kent branch of the Institute of Directors.



David Philpott

Now MD of David Philpott and Associates in Ashford – a strategic solutions and interim management company – he has more than 30 years' experience in commercial and not-for-profit organisations.

He has worked in local government, the NHS, aviation, medicine and international development work in Tanzania. His leadership skills led to nomination as Charity Principal of the Year in 2005 and being made a Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine in 2006.

"I believe not-for-profit organisations should be run along similar lines to businesses," he said.

"Both need to be committed to the principles that a well trained, motivated workforce, corporate social responsibility and clear business vision are at the core of what they do."

"I am looking forward to my tenure as chairman of Kent IoD and will bring my own brand of leadership to the table."

Mr Philpott succeeds Frazer Thompson of Chapel Down Winery, Tenterden, as chairman, and Andrew Metcalf of Tunbridge Wells-based Maxim, who has been interim acting chairman.

Mr Philpott lives in Ashford with his wife Karan. They have three grown-up children.

King of the Castle Inn



Castle Inn at Chiddingstone

TAKING on running a pub is a huge decision, especially with more than 50 a week closing due to the downturn.

But when the pub you choose is a historic building in a village owned by the National Trust, the prospect can be a daunting one.

That was the position chef John McManus found himself in when he fell in love with the Grade-II listed Castle Inn at Chiddingstone, near Tonbridge.

"It's a really unspoiled pub in a beautiful location," said Mr McManus, "a stunning building. It was the first time I'd looked at buying my own business and I knew I was going to need expert advice."

Hadlow-based chartered surveyor Metcalfe Stanley Hicks, which specialises in historic buildings, carried out a survey and advised on repairing liabilities and possible dilapidations costs.

Richard Metcalfe, a Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and principal of Metcalfe Stanley Hicks, also supported Mr McManus at a meeting with the National Trust.

Mr McManus said: "I'd urge anyone negotiating a lease to get the right advice. The advice I got from Metcalfe Stanley Hicks was invaluable and very, very good. We've been open a few weeks now and there is a real buzz about the place."



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Award Winning Company

Climax of food and drink 'Oscars'

GROWING demand for food and drink produced within our county ensured a climactic finale to the Taste of Kent Awards, *writes Business Editor Steve Loader.*

The county's food and drink 'Oscars' have become a coveted award for retailers, restaurants, pubs and farmers' markets and 36 finalists contested 12 categories at Leeds Castle, near Maidstone.

This glittering event was hosted by Produced in Kent, which founded the awards as a showcase for food and drink excellence across the Garden of England.

The three shortlisted hopefuls in each category gathered with their category sponsors, overall sponsor Whitehead Monckton and industry movers and shakers to hear the winners revealed in the castle's Fairfax Hall.

Companies nominated by the public in the first round of judging received more than 10,000 votes of confidence – an incredible 89 per cent increase on the previous year's voting and largely due to a new online format.

It was then left to expert judging panels and mystery shoppers and diners to select the 12 winners.

On the map

Julie Monkman of Produced in Kent told the audience: "These food and drink heroes are continuing to help put the Garden of England on the British food and drink map."

"Not only are these entrepreneurs growing, producing or working with local ingredients, but they are helping to revive and maintain traditional Kentish food and drink and centuries old production methods, but with a razor-sharp 21st century cutting edge. They can all feel very proud of what they have achieved."

One of the outstanding performers of the evening was Biddenden Vineyards, which picked up two awards: Best Kentish Wine 2009 with its already multi-award winning Biddenden Ortega 2008; and Best Kentish Cider or Perry 2009, with its Biddenden Strong Kentish Cider.

These were in addition to Biddenden reaching the public's Taste of Kent shortlist for the third consecutive year.

Newcomers to the shortlist, Moor Organic



NIGHT TO REMEMBER: Guests at the Taste of Kent Awards ceremony at Leeds Castle

Juice of Teynham, went straight to the top as Kent Juice Producer of the Year 2009.

Also on the drinks side, Gadd's No 3 from Ramsgate Brewery won Best Kentish Beer 2009 for the second consecutive year – the

brewery has now won a Taste of Kent Award for three consecutive years.

And Ramsgate celebrated further with the Chai Stop voted Kent Food Producer of the Year 2009, for its locally produced and retailed home-made Indian food.

Faversham proved a source of retailing excellence with Macknade Fine Foods picking up the prestigious Kent Local Food Retailer of the Year 2009, and The Butcher of Brogdale winning Kent Butcher/Meat Producer of the Year 2009.

Kent's cheese-making heritage is now firmly established and the Cheesemakers of Canterbury, landed the hotly contested Kent Food Product of the Year 2009 for its highly regarded Ashmore Cheese – it won British and world cheese awards during 2009.

Shipbourne Farmers' Market was another high achiever, winning Kent Farmers' Market of the Year 2009, for the second time, having made the awards' shortlist four times previously.

The Mulberry Tree in Boughton Monchelsea earned its second consecutive accolade of Kent Restaurant of the Year 2009; while Kent Pub of the Year 2009 went to The Haywain in Bramling, near Canterbury.

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 Julie Maddocks reports on the Taste of Kent Awards 2009 from Fairfax Hall, Leeds Castle

TASTE OF KENT 2009 WINNERS

(Sponsors in brackets)



- Butcher/Meat Producer of the Year (Seeda)
- The Butcher of Brogdale, Faversham
- Best Beer (Cask Marque)
- Gadd's No 3, Ramsgate Brewery, Ramsgate
- Best Wine (Kent Life)
- Biddenden Ortega 2008, Biddenden
- Best Cider or Perry 2009 (WK Finn-Kelcey)
- Biddenden Strong Kentish Cider, Biddenden
- Juice Producer of the Year (KCC)
- Moor Organic Juice, Teynham
- Local Food Retailer of the Year (Biddenden Vineyards)
- Macknade Fine Foods, Faversham
- Seafood Retailer of the Year (Hadlow College)
- Eddie Gilbert's, Ramsgate
- Food Product of the Year (Opies)
- Ashmore Cheese – Cheesemakers of Canterbury, Faversham
- Food Producer of the Year (Barclays Bank)
- The Chai Stop, Ramsgate
- Restaurant of the Year (Visit Kent)
- Mulberry Tree, Boughton Monchelsea
- Pub of the Year (Kent Frozen Foods)
- The Haywain, Bramling, Canterbury
- Farmers' Market of the Year (Hadlow College)
- Shipbourne Farmers' Market

Kent's reputation as the Garden of England may be well known, but the Taste of Kent Awards has also raised awareness of the county's coastline and its fish markets and fishmongers. A fine example was Eddie Gilbert's Fishmonger of Ramsgate, judged Kent's Seafood Retailer of the Year 2009 – the business's second accolade in three years.

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Taywell earns anti-waste accolade



TAYWELL farm stores in Goudhurst and Tunbridge Wells and producers of Taywell ice-cream were inaugural winners of the new Love Food Hate Waste Award. Produced in Kent joined forces with the Love Food Hate Waste campaign to create the prestigious new stand alone award, presented directly after the Taste of Kent Awards. Pictured are Alastair Jessel (centre) and Nigel Flynn of Taywell with Melanie Parris of the Love Food Hate Waste campaign.

TOURISM businesses across the county will take comfort this week from confirmation that 'staycationing' – holidaying in the UK – is set to build on a bumper 2009.

Last year's surge was driven by the recession, sterling's poor exchange rates, worries about travel security and even eco-conscious consumers' concerns about the need for 'greener' holidays.

The Camping and Caravanning Club says bookings in its sector were up 15 per cent year on year in December for vacations during the coming season, while UK holidays camp specialist Haven – which has one of its 35 UK sites at Allhallows, Rochester – has backed the staycation trend with a major investment plan.

It is spending £40 million on upgraded accommodation, 14 new onsite lounge bar cafés, and improved pools, including new Space Bowl flumes.

This comes on top of Haven's specialist onsite entertainment's programme and a spokesman claimed the growing staycation trend might not only be due to current economic pressures, but simply "because so many people stayed at home last year and enjoyed themselves".

BIG – the Business Innovation Group – is organising a half-day workshop on March 17 titled Selling to the MoD, to help local and regional businesses explore opportunities in the defence and related sectors.

The group is led by the University of Greenwich in partnership with Thames Gateway (Kent) Chamber of Commerce, Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce and The Partnership for Profit Improvement.

The event offers learning about MoD contract opportunities, networking with businesses that have won MoD business, and information about public sector funding, collaborative projects and the benefits of BIG.

To be held at the University of Greenwich at Medway, Chatham Maritime, from 9am to 1.30pm, the workshop features talks from sector leaders, with a welcome and overview by the Chambers of Commerce in Kent. For more information, visit shogbin@tgcoc.co.uk.

INTERNATIONAL Women's Day (IWD) was named 100 years ago and is still celebrated annually worldwide on March 8 to mark the political, economic and social achievements of women.

A recent survey by the British Franchise Association revealed more than 30 per cent of the 500,000 businesses started annually are founded by women.

Joy Cross contributed to that statistic when she set up Ashford-based human resources consultancy HR + Ltd with a colleague three years ago. She said: "There are so many opportunities out there for working women if they have the drive and ambition to succeed. And balancing family life with running a business can work well, too. I recently returned to work following the birth of my first child. The transition was made easier by keeping in touch throughout my maternity leave and being able to introduce flexible working patterns into my working week."

"I feel I can now bring even more attributes to the business that I have learned from having a family – efficiency, organisation, and, most important, the tried and tested skill of doing about 10 things at once."

Government-backed commercial advisor, BusinessLink is celebrating IWD at Pines Calyx, St Margaret's Bay, near Dover, on Monday from 11am-1pm. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn from and network with experienced entrepreneurs.

Alyson Howard, Seeda's women's enterprise advocate, business development consultant and part-time finance director, will also talk about starting and growing a successful new business.

Apprentice guru Hewer's 2020 vision



NICK HEWER: Alan Sugar's trusted adviser

NICK Hewer, famed for his dry humour as Sir Alan Sugar's right-hand man on the BBC's The Apprentice, is to share his marketing knowledge with Kent's business community, writes Steve Loader.

He will address the Kent 2020 Business Breakfast entitled Branding The Garden of England for the 21st Century.

Sponsored by Visit Kent and Tourism South East, the breakfast takes place before Kent 2020, running from 8am-5pm at the County Showground, Detling, near Maidstone on Thursday, April 22. The event attracted 350 exhibitors and 4,000 visitors last year. During the latest series of The Apprentice, Hewer accompanied contestants to Margate where they were given the task of rebranding the seaside town.

Carole Black, events manager at Business Support Kent – the organisation that created Kent 2020 – said: "This is a great opportunity for business people to hear from a marketing expert at what is an exciting time for

Kent. I have no doubt Nick Hewer, who will talk about what makes good destination marketing, will be an extremely popular speaker so I'd advise anyone interested to book sooner rather than later."

Hewer's PR firm was selected to represent Alan Sugar's Amstrad in the 1980s and he became an integral part of the electronics group's management.

Business success allowed him to retire early to his house in France but, having become firm friends with Sir Alan, he was recalled by his former client to help negotiate with the producers of The Apprentice where 15 candidates vie for the chance to work for the Amstrad founder and earn a six-figure salary.

It was Sir Alan who persuaded Hewer to take an onscreen role and he and Margaret Mountford formed a formidable onscreen partnership as the tough-talking mogul's advisers.

With Mountford announcing her departure at the end of the previous series, Hewer is to be joined by businesswoman and former Birmingham City MD – now vice-chairman at West Ham United – Karren Brady.

Claims crackdown welcomed

MORE than 100 claims management companies have been closed as part of a Government crackdown on firms which mislead the public.



Jacqueline Shicluna

The move has been applauded by Jacqueline Shicluna, of Chatham-based solicitors Stephens and Son LLP and Law Society specialist personal injury panel member, who said it was a victory against costly and unnecessary middlemen.

She said: "The public do not always appreciate the difference between claims management companies and legal firms. Some claims managers, who advertise on TV and in the press, entice clients to contact them and then sell the work on to selected solicitors for them to handle. The solicitors will pay a sometimes hefty fee for this work."

"It adds no value to the claims process but yet another layer of costs, that, one way or another, has to be accounted for. Claims managers are unnecessary intermediaries."

Miss Shicluna added she was disappointed to learn that A&E departments at some Kent hospitals were advertising the services of claims management companies while, at the same time, turning down advertising from local legal firms.

She said: "When we tried to renew a long-standing agreement to advertise in one hospital were turned away and told they no

longer accepted advertising as they did not want to be seen to be encouraging claims. Yet this same hospital has accepted advertising from a claims management company."

Miss Shicluna accused some claims management companies of abandoning clients if cases become too complex and expensive.

She said: "The client is under the impression they are getting a great deal from a claims management company, when in fact they are paying a very high price. They would be better off approaching a specialist firm direct."

Call to action as tax deadline looms large

WE ARE now a month away from a new 50 per cent tax for high earners – the highest top rate of tax since the 1980s.

So anyone looking to protect their income needs to act fast, says accountancy firm Horwath Clark Whitehill of Tunbridge Wells and Maidstone.

The new scheme from April 6 targets people earning more than £150,000 and many have already put plans into action, but Horwath Clark Whitehill tax partner Simon Warne said it's not too late for those who have not.



Simon Warne

"One popular option for company owners is to pay themselves large dividends before the April deadline – money which is therefore not liable for the 50 per cent tax rate," he said.

"This also has a number of advantages related to tax-efficient borrowing and the money can always be lent back to the company."

"The irony is that, having introduced the 50 per cent tax rate, the Government won't be too distressed by people seeking to beat the April deadline as it is keen to boost the tax take for the current year and this stampede will inflate the figures for 2009-10."

He added that high-earning employees can save significant tax by receiving a large bonus – or part of their post-April 5 salary – before the deadline.

This ensures an individual has sufficient taxable income in 2010-11 to utilise the lower rate tax bonus, but total income for the year comes in lower than the 50 per cent threshold.

Owner-managed businesses can still use an Employee Benefit Trust (EBT) to make loans to key employees in lieu of bonuses.

Loans to shareholders are akin to receiving a dividend, as the company will not obtain immediate corporation tax relief on contributions to the EBT.

However, the 'borrower' will only suffer an annual tax charge on 4.75 per cent of the loan per year. For non-shareholder 'borrowers', the same low tax charge applies, with the company benefiting from substantially reduced National Insurance costs.

Not surprisingly though, Mr Warne said the need for tax planning doesn't stop after the April deadline: "Coping with the new tax regime and additional changes, such as those governing pensions, will require careful thought. Given the state of the public finances it is inevitable that we will see new taxes in the post-general election Budget, so a professional adviser is likely to be a significant asset in the months ahead."

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UNDEFEATED:
Nick Aish (red)
during fight

Flab fighter wins his dream bout – and then retires

AFTER winning his first fight last weekend, Nick Aish is planning to retire from boxing with an undefeated record.

Just being in a condition to enter the ring was the biggest challenge for the 38-year-old, who was clinically morbidly obese when he made the vow to box three years ago.

After losing almost a third of his body weight, which peaked at 22-stone, the newly qualified personal trainer was rewarded for all the hard work by winning his bout in Strood on a split decision last weekend.

He said: "The whole evening was amazing. The guy I was fighting was much more experienced and absolutely battered me in the first round.

"I just tried to dig in and get through the rest of the fight, so it was a complete shock when I found out I had won.

"I'll still train, but winning against someone of that calibre it would be tough for me to top that to be honest, so I'm not sure if I'll fight again."



NEWS: How we reported the story in February

Non-league academies already unearthing young football stars of the future

By **TOM HOWARD**

FOOTBALL academies could become an increasingly popular tool for Kent's non-league clubs as they try to move up the football pyramid while balancing the books.

Blue Square South side Dover are the latest to follow in the footsteps of Ebbsfleet United and Dartford in forming their own academy, and after just seven months the club are already reaping the rewards.

The Whites established the Dover Athletic Football Academy in March last year, in association with the Abbey School in Faversham.

The initiative sees boys aged 16-17 base their NVQ sixth form qualifications around a course at the school, which is supplemented by regular football coaching from academy head Darren Hare and Dover Athletic manager Andy Hesselthaler.

The aim is for the graduates to attain their qualifications as well as earn a contract with a football club.

Since its inception, goalkeeper Ben Humphrey, midfielder Jake Marsh and striker Andy Miller have all been named in Dover's first-team squad this season.

Hesselthaler, who boasts an impressive playing career with Gillingham, Watford and Barnet, has enjoyed guiding the academy players this season and believes football academies are the future for non-league clubs, especially during a tough financial climate.

He said: "Dartford, Croydon and Ebbsfleet have all set up academies and have pro-



STAR IN THE MAKING?:
Dover's Jake Marsh (red)
Picture: SIMON HARRIS

duced players. You only have to look around at the likes of Portsmouth to see the financial problems in football.

"I hope if we can bring these players through to the club I would be able to use them rather than spend money bringing in loan players."

With the academy already starting to produce players, Hare, who also teaches at the school, has been impressed with the progress the young players have made in a short space of time.

He is adamant there are more gems in Kent to be unearthed following former Maidstone United defender Chris Smalling, a product of the Stones' youth set-up, signing for Manchester United last month.

He said: "I believe that every five years

someone big will come out of Kent, so the players are out there.

"Our aim at the academy is to teach the kids football while they complete their studies. We hope that one day they will be able to earn a contract in the game, if not at Dover then somewhere else where they can make a bit of money from football."

One player who is already raising a few eyebrows from the academy is striker Miller who took part in a trial with Premier League side Aston Villa in December.

He has already made his debut for the Dover first-team at the age of 16 and could be set for another trial at Villa Park.

Hare said: "He hasn't been offered a deal by the club, but they were impressed and have said they will keep tabs on his progress."

More professional approach pays off as Gravesend close in on historic promotion

Picture: ROGER GRAY



Gs WHIZZ: Dover are the only team who can challenge Gravesend for the league title

WITH four games of the league season remaining, Gravesend RFC are tantalisingly close to making club history by securing promotion to National League 3.

The Gs have led the way in London 1 South for the majority of this season and Step Five rugby is now within their grasp – providing they can see off Kent rivals Dover.

Just three years ago, Gravesend were languishing at the bottom of London 3 South, but a change in coaching staff and a more professional approach to playing has seen them rise to the pinnacle of regional rugby.

A fourth-placed finish in the division a year ago gave club bosses reason for optimism, but president Rodney Bardell admits the league title had not been among their pre-season aims.

He said: "When we sat down before the season we knew we had a good side, but I don't think we rated ourselves as favourites.

"We probably expected Dover and Cobham to be strong, as well as Chichester, although we didn't know too much about them."

Indeed, the newly-promoted West Sussex side set the early pace before the Gs picked up the mantle and they have failed to relinquish

By **STEVE TERTVET**

it since, despite the persistence of Dover.

Head coach Bob Hussey, who served as assistant to Simon Jervis in previous years, took on the top job this season, and while he accepts the position of league leaders brings its own pressures, he is confident in his players' ability to make the step up.

"I think we could cope at the next level," he said. "The first year might be hard because it's a quicker, more physical league, but the teams we've played who are now in that league seem to have done okay."

"If we go up we may have to recruit some people because there are more games and a greater intensity."

Kent has no representatives in National 3 this season and Bardell believes promotion would allow Gravesend to attract talent from across the county.

Gravesend's final league fixture sees them travel to face Dover at Crabble on April 10, but Hussey's side may have already carved their name on the trophy by then as the Gs edge closer to chartering new territory.

'Rivals did not like me being in F1 but I soon showed them'

In the second of a three-part series, **TOM HOWARD** looks at how John Surtees switched motorsport codes and went on to create history by becoming the only world champion on two and four wheels

FOR someone who dominated on a motorcycle and showed little interest in racing cars, most wouldn't have predicted that John Surtees would go on to make a serious impact in Formula One.

Yet the 76-year-old, who now lives in Edenbridge, still holds the unique record of being the only man to win world titles on two wheels and four.

At the age of 26, Surtees, born near Westerham, had become one of the biggest riders in the motorcycle world with seven world titles in 10 years during the 1950s.

However, by 1960, the multiple world champion and Isle of Man TT winner completed what would be regarded today as a sensational switch. He turned his back on motorcycles and embarked on a career on four wheels and went on to become a motorsport legend.

After clinching his seventh motorcycle world title with MV Agusta in 1960, a move to cars beckoned when a dispute arose with the Italian motorcycle marque.

He said: "I never thought of car racing. In many ways my natural career would have been to race another five or six years on bikes.

"MV told me I could only do the world championship and nothing else, but I loved my racing and it was only when that came up that I decided to race cars."

His first ever car race was at Goodwood where he finished second, and then in his own Formula Two car he finished second in a race at Oulton Park, prompting the Lotus

team to offer him a Formula One test.

"We all met at Silverstone and I did a few laps in the car," Surtees recalls. "I rather blotted my copybook by crashing at Stowe corner, but Colin Chapman (Lotus F1 boss) came up to me and offered me a drive and I raced for them when I was available."

The novice car driver endured a baptism of fire in his Formula One debut after entering the 1960 Monaco Grand Prix on the notoriously dangerous and technical streets of Monte Carlo.

He said: "Monaco was an eye opener. The biggest difference between car driving techniques and motorcycle techniques was slow corners. I had a big learning curve to deal with.

"Some people were very against me coming into Formula One. I wouldn't have minded if I wasn't quick, but I was just as fast as the majority of the drivers from the start."

The following season Surtees joined the Bromley-based Lola team, where he continued to flourish. Two second place finishes in the German and British Grands Prix in a relatively unknown car caught the attention of Enzo Ferrari, who offered him a deal to join the famous prancing horse team in 1963.

The combination of Surtees and Ferrari took a while to gel, but he claimed his first win at the German Grand Prix and finished a respectable fourth in the title race.

His second season at Ferrari has gone down in history, because at the age of 30, Surtees was crowned world champion, becoming the only man to win world titles on two and four wheels. The highlight of the season was a win on Ferrari's home turf at Monza, which sparked wild celebrations



Picture: GETTY IMAGES

DRIVING AMBITION: It took a while for John Surtees to gel with Ferrari, but he became world champion in just his second season with the team at the age of 30

that left him unable to leave his garage for three hours after the race due to the number of people in the crowd.

"At the beginning, Formula One took a back seat at Ferrari and the first year we had to build a car from parts we could find in the factory," he said. "Looking back on winning the world title, I feel frustrated because we could have done so much more. I look back at my time at Ferrari and we probably jointly lost three world championships and it ended in divorce really."

Surtees' career looked over in 1965 when he was involved in a high-speed crash in Ontario which left him with a fractured pelvis, leg, spine and ruptured kidneys.

"It was a real turning point of my life," he concedes. "It was tough and go whether I would come back, but luckily I didn't have any head injuries so I continued."

Surtees spent six more seasons in Formula One, firstly with Honda and his own Team Surtees. His final win came at the 1967 Italian Grand Prix at Monza in one of Formula One's closets finishes.

By 1972 Surtees hung up his helmet and began to forge a career with his own team as a Formula One team owner.

• **Pick up next week's paper for the final part of the Surtees story and find out about life after racing, his view on the future of motorsport, and the tragedy of the death of his son Henry.**

Duo ready to pick up the pace

WORLD superbike duo Shane Byrne and Leon Camier remain confident of having a successful season despite a disappointing opening round in Australia last weekend.

The Kent pair both clinched points in the two races at Phillip Island, but errors cost them a chance to battle for podium positions.

Sheppey rider and two-time British champion Byrne was hampered early on after a 95mph accident in practice left him battered and bruised. He struggled in qualifying and managed to finish 14th and 12th in the races, picking up six points in the process. The 34-year-old was left disappointed, but eager to respond after team-mate Carlos Checa won the second race.

Byrne said: "I'm not at all happy but at the end of the day I think we're back on it. I'm happy with my riding, just disappointed with my positions. I ended up battling with guys who will win races this year and I truly believe I'm one of them again now. It could be worse, last year I never finished a single race at Phillip Island."

Two rider errors cost rookie Camier a chance to net an impressive haul of points. The 23-year-old Ashford rider finished 11th in both races, but was lapping faster than the leaders, which came as a surprise.

He said: "We were a lot quicker than we thought we would be, but the mistakes cost us. The encouraging



HOPE: Leon Camier is out for points at Portimao

thing is there is a lot more to come from the bike, but it won't be easy. I think there will be circuits which will favour us and some which will be difficult."

Camier and Byrne head to Portugal's Portimao circuit for the second round of the World Superbike Championship on March 28.

Hawkins sets his sights on World Championships

BARRY Hawkins will play his most important match of the season tomorrow as he bids to qualify for the World Snooker Championships.

The 29-year-old from Dartford is in action alongside former champions Steve Davis and John Parrott, all hoping to come through the tournament at the English Institute of Sport in Sheffield to book their place at the sport's biggest event next month.

After enduring a mediocre campaign, it is the last chance for Hawkins to turn round his season.

After just missing out on a place in the all-important top-16 at the end of last season, he has slipped to 22 in the provisional rankings after qualifying for just two ranking events.

He didn't discover his opponent until after Kent on Sunday went to press, but his task will again be to



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QUALIFYING HOPES: Barry Hawkins

win one best-of-19 frames match to progress.

Rainham-based Gerard Greene is due to play on Tuesday and looking to repeat last year's feat, when he stunned 1997 world champion Ken Doherty.

Pacemen ready themselves for start of season

KENT'S bowling attack are spending time in warmer climates as they gear up for the start of pre-season towards the end of the month.

After a long, hard winter it seems inconceivable that cricket will be played at St Lawrence in little over three weeks but, weather permitting, that's exactly what will happen when Nottinghamshire arrive on March 31.

The squad meet up for outdoor training a week earlier, but the county's bowling attack are already doing the hard yards abroad.

Strike bowler Robbie Joseph, who underwent shoulder surgery at the end of last season, is making good progress.

He is spending three weeks in Antigua and has been joined by club physio Nimmo Reid and bowling coach Geoff Arnold.

Paceman Amjad Khan (above) is in Melbourne, Australia for five weeks building up for the start of the county season, while Simon Cook jetted off for Hong Kong on Wednesday where he will spend three weeks playing.

The squad for outdoor training will be joined by trialists Jahid Ahmed, Dave Burton and Will Rudge as they look to earn themselves a contract at St Lawrence.

Head coach Paul Farbrace is pleased with where his squad is ahead of his first fixture in charge.

"We are happy that all three bowlers are in a good place and we think we've got them well covered," he said.

"The trialists will be coming for at least two of the three weeks and there maybe a couple of others that come in during pre-season training. It's up to them not only to show they can bowl, but to have the appetite to take a second chance. We won't be signing someone just for the sake of it – if they aren't up to it, we won't sign them."



Kent duo make England squad

JAMES Tredwell and Joe Denly have both been included in England's 30-man provisional squad for next month's ICC World Twenty20.

The Kent duo, who are both yet to cement a place in the side, will hope to be in the final 15 for the tournament in the Caribbean when the England selectors halve the squad on March 30.

Denly has dropped out of the side after a run of low scores in international cricket, while Tredwell made his long-awaited debut for England in the second One-Day International against Bangladesh, helping the side to a narrow two-wicket win thanks to an unbeaten stand of 32 with centurion Eoin Morgan.

National selector Geoff Miller said: "The upcoming ICC World Twenty20 is an exciting tournament and we have selected an exciting crop of players in this provisional squad."

"All players named have shown their ability in the shortest form of the game and the selectors have some difficult decisions to make when reducing the squad to 15 players."

"We have a number of young players knocking on the door which underlines the depth in talent currently available and I know all concerned will be hoping they make the final squad for what is a highly anticipated tournament."

• Four of Kent's women cricketers have been named in England's provisional 20-strong squad for the ICC World Twenty20 in the West Indies on May 5.

Uncapped Susie Rowe joins Kent teammate Charlotte Edwards, Lydia Greenway and Tammy Beaumont in the squad which will be cut down to just 14 by a selection panel on March 19.



GOING FOR IT: Kelly Thomas (right) and Paula Walker surprised many by qualifying for last month's Games

Picture: GETTY IMAGES

Games focuses Thomas on getting first bobsleigh medal

AFTER an assured Winter Olympics debut, Kelly Thomas has returned from Vancouver firmly believing she has what it takes to become Britain's first female bobsleigh medal winner.

The 29-year-old brakeman, along with driver Paula Walker, surprised many just by qualifying for last month's Games after less than three years in the sport.

Up against an elite field of teams, most of which had already been to multiple Olympics, the pair came into the competition ranked 15th.

But four good runs, one of which was just outside the pre-Olympic track record, saw the GBR2 sled finish 11th, ahead of world champions GBR1 and in between the teams representing the perennially strong Switzerland.

The two-woman bobsleigh has only been an Olympic sport since 2002, with no

By DAVID PRITCHARD

British medal winners in the event so far.

Thomas, born in Sidcup but now living in Dartford, returned from Canada this week with renewed determination she could break the mould in Sochi, Russia, in 2014.

"You come back completely motivated," she said. "After witnessing your friends win medals straight away you think 'that's what I want'. We've done really well, but now we want to be the ones getting the medals."

Control

"To be able to experience an Olympics before going to one in four years where we hope to be challenging at the very top is much more beneficial than I could've imagined."

"It definitely stands well for us, there's so much room to improve that we're only looking up."

The bobsleigh competition was held on the same track at the Whistler Sliding Centre

where Georgian luger Nodar Kumaritashvili died after losing control and hitting a metal pole in training.

GBR2 were one of a number of teams to crash in training, but while Thomas was affected by the tragedy, she feels the risk factor is part of the attraction.

She said: "It definitely had an impact on the mood. Sport is a community and even if you don't actually know the individual you can't help but be brought down by the sadness and grief of it."

"We had been on the track a number of times before and done a World Cup race there. It's the fastest in the world, but in terms of crashing at 90 miles per hour rather than 85mph, you can't really tell the difference."

"It's dangerous, but it's a pretty major reason why athletes take up the sport in the first place – it's the adrenalin you get doing it."

With the bobsleigh season virtually over, Thomas' attention now turns to earning enough money to help support herself through next season.

Cliff hat-trick puts Kent into final of youth cup

PRIESTFIELD will host the FA County Youth Cup final for the second successive season after Kent's under-18s booked their place in the showpiece with a thrilling semi-final win last weekend.

Sam Cliff scored a hat-trick to help set up a 5-3 win after extra-time against Liverpool to see Kent through to next month's climax.

The county had only reached the final twice in the competition's first 63 years, but have now made it two years in a row.

Manager Ken Brooke is optimistic the lessons learned from last year's final, when

they lost 2-1 to Birmingham, will help them lift the trophy for the first time.

He said: "It's a tremendous achievement to get back there."

"It was a massive disappointment last year, and there's been a determination all season to get back and have another go – it would be great if we have a different result."

"We were a young team, but now with that extra year's experience we're a bit cleverer, which could make a difference."

The final, against Sheffield & Hallamshire, will take place at Gillingham's Priestfield Stadium on Saturday, April 24.



HERO: Sam Cliff (in blue) in action for Margate

Top umpire is all smiles for the camera

By **DAVID PRITCHARD**

VIDEO technology is a contentious debate in many sports but hockey has struck a better balance than rugby and football, according to a Kent-based umpire who headed to the World Cup last week.

Hockey began trialling a video referral system at the Champions Trophy last November, which continues at the World Cup, which began in India last Sunday. Each side will be allowed one appeal per half, which will be retained if successful.

The use of technology to aid officials has been embraced in some sports, such as cricket, while ignored all together by others, most notably football. One man grateful of the added security is Andy Mair, who lives in Westgate-on-sea and is officiating at his second World Cup.

"If you make an absolute howler the teams have the ability to say 'let's have a look at the video'. We can appeal as well to check on something, that really is a safety thing for you if you're making a pig's ear of it, you've got a get out of jail free card," he said.

"It can't go much further, if it's going to be the same as rugby where they're checking everything on all the tries, it's crackers, why be there? Yet football are going against it, I think they're wrong frankly, they've got the opportunity with the number of cameras they have at every game, they've got to be able to use it."

At 46, Mair is only one year below the

mandatory retirement age for officials at international level, which means he must hang up his whistle at the end of 2011 – just months before the London Olympics.

His highlight to date was taking charge of the bronze medal match in the Beijing Olympics. His chances of officiating a game in the latter stages in the World Cup are inextricably bound up in the England team's fortunes.

If Jason Lee's side reach the knockout stages it will reduce the likelihood of Mair getting one of the high profile games at the end of the tournament. As a Scot it may go against accepted opinion, but after 30 years in Kent he is keen to see England succeed for the good of the sport.

He said: "You just take what you're given. If the England boys do well it's good news. It's good for the sport in the country and the build-up for London 2012. When they won the Europeans in Amsterdam [last August] the credibility it gave them and the whole of the nation was pretty big news."

The World Cup attracted unwanted attention before it began, with a terrorist group making threats towards competitors and spectators. The New Zealand team delayed their departure as a result, but Mair, like the England team, travelled as planned.

He said: "I'm fairly fatalistic, there's not much you can do about it. On one occasion I was down to do the Champions Trophy in Pakistan and the advice from here was not to travel so I pulled out and then they moved it, so I missed out. I just tend to keep my head down now and let them get on with it until they say you can't go."

ALL FOR IT: Umpire Andy Mair agrees with the use of video referral systems in sport
Picture: ADY KERRY



SHOCK: Jamie Day was named boss

Jamie gets a little help from his friends

MORE than a few eyebrows were raised when the untried Jamie Day came through on the rails in November to snatch the job of Welling United's player-manager, **writes Tony Hudd.**

The usual suspects on the Kent managerial merry-go-round had eagerly submitted their CVs at Park View Road at a time when Day, a former Welling player, was plying his trade purely as a player with nearby Dartford. At first, Darts' boss Tony Burman dismissed the idea that his 30-year-old midfielder fancied management and had suddenly entered the race for the job.

When Day, who was under contract at Dartford, was offered the post, the two clubs found themselves negotiating terms for the remainder of his contract before Welling's new boss was able to take charge.

For the former Arsenal trainee, who went on to play for AFC Bournemouth, Dover, Welling, Grays and Dartford before deciding to activate his A-licence, the step up to management had long been anticipated.

He immediately sent for old friend Barry Ashby, the former Brentford, Watford and Gillingham favourite, appointing him assistant manager, while Dean Frost accepted the role of head coach.

Surprise

To those who confessed surprise on hearing of Day's appointment, Ashby insists: "Jamie was well equipped for management. He'd got the A-licence and is preparing for the pro-licence."

"He was going to make someone a good manager, so why not Welling? It's not easy playing and managing, but Jamie knows he can fall back on Dean and myself. We're his eyes and ears on the touchline."

The Wings' confidence in Day was soon justified at the beginning of the year as the club embarked on a nine-match unbeaten run in Blue Square South until suddenly hitting the buffers with last weekend's 2-0 home defeat to Bath City.

Welling aficionados will tell you that he has transformed the squad, though Day stresses there is no magic formula behind the club's gradual rise up the table.

"When we first arrived we detected a lack of confidence in some players, so that was the first thing we worked on," he said. "But there wasn't a lot wrong with the squad and there were no drastic changes."

"We changed the pattern of play, insisting they got the ball down and played."

Asked if he enjoyed the dual role of playing and managing, he confessed: "Sometimes I think I worry too much about everyone else, though I think I'm curing myself of that. Being a former Welling player and knowing the set-up at the club helps. Playing and managing in your first job can be hard, but I look to Barry and Dean to take some of the weight off my shoulders. These are early days for me, so my ambition for the club is a top half finish. "Top-10 would be fantastic."

Boxers running rings around the opposition

THANET boxers Vinny Woolford and Daniel Woodgate both came out on top in their bouts at the K2 Centre in Crawley last Saturday.

Welterweight Woolford, from Ramsgate, bounced back after two defeats, stopping Welshman Chris Brophy who was unable to come out for the last round of their scheduled 4x3 bout due to a deep cut above the left eye, caused by an accidental clash of heads in the first round.

Woolford, 28, was the boss in the fight and can take comfort from coming out on the right end of a head-butt incident, unlike brother Scott who was stopped on a cut by former British champion Young Mutley just a couple of weeks ago. Woolford's record is now three wins (two KO) and two losses.

Meanwhile, 27-year-old light-heavyweight Woodgate, from Minster, made his professional debut against another



WIN: Daniel Woodgate jabs his way past Adam Wilcox

Welshman, Adam Wilcox. "Woody" also dominated his opponent on the way to a landslide 40-36 decision in his 4x3min contest.

Jackson among the goals in World Cup

ASHLEY Jackson continued his excellent goalscoring form as England got off to a superb start at the Hockey World Cup in India this week.

The European champions went into the tournament with high hopes of reaching at least the semi-finals and they began in style in New Delhi. Opening against a highly-fancied Australia, runners-up four years ago, England pulled off a surprise 3-2 win, with Jackson on target on his World Cup debut.

The Chatham-born 22-year-old also netted in England's second game, where they beat South Africa 6-4. His scoring run continued on Thursday, notching the second goal in a 5-2 win against Pakistan, improving his international record to 33 goals in 46 games.

The 100 per cent record saw England top their pool with two games remaining, putting them in pole position for a semi-final slot.

After playing hosts India last



GOALS: Ashley Jackson (in white) nets against Australia

night, after Kent on Sunday went to press, England complete their pool games with a fixture against Spain tomorrow morning. They will then progress to the knockout stages, held on Thursday, before the medals are decided in the final games next Saturday.

If they are still involved next weekend it will be the first time the men's national side have reached the latter stages since 1986, when they came second.

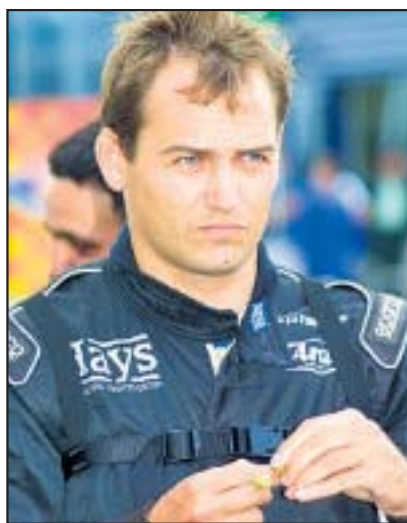
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Man thought to be BBC's mystery driver in race talks



WHO'S WHO?: Ben Collins is regarded by many to be Top Gear's 'The Stig' (below)

TOURING CAR TEAM AFTER 'STIG' NATURE

A KENT motorsport team is in talks to sign sports car racer Ben Collins – widely reported to be 'The Stig' from the BBC television show Top Gear.

British Touring Car team Motorbase Performance, based in Wrotham, have confirmed they are in talks with Collins, who has also been a stunt double for Daniel Craig in the James Bond film *A Quantum of Solace*.

The identity of Top Gear's racing driver has never been confirmed, but a simple Google search of 'Ben Collins' reveals a number of stories linking him to the post.

Collins is an experienced former Nascar and GT racer, but has never raced in the British Touring Car Championship. His biggest achievement to date was winning the 2004 European ASCAR Championship and a third place overall finish in the 2001 FIA World Sportscar Championship.

With barely a month before the opening round of the championship, Motorbase owner David Bartrum is holding talks with a host of names, including Collins, former independent touring car racer Mat Jackson, and Steven Kane, to fill the two vacant seats.

He said: "We're talking to everyone we can. It's a really difficult time at the moment."

"We can't sort out the driver line-up until we have secured funding and it is really difficult to find backers. Ben has been helping us out over

EXCLUSIVE

By TOM HOWARD

the winter and has been really good for us. He is someone we're considering."

Collins has been linked to the team since December, when he completed a test in the Motorbase BMW at Kent's Brands Hatch.

An impressed Bartrum said at the time: "Ben was the consummate professional and he was very good. He's a bit older and would do an excellent job in touring cars."

The Motorbase boss is expecting to announce his driver line-up for the new season – which begins at Hampshire's Thruxton circuit on April 4 – on Wednesday.

While the team's touring car plans are awaiting completion, Motorbase have confirmed they will be launching a six-car attack on the Porsche Carrera Cup.

The team have a rich history in the series which stretches back to 2004, and this year's squad bidding for the title is the biggest the championship has ever seen.

A mixture of youth and experience will fill the seats with Charles Bateman, Michael Caine, Liam Griffin, Steve Parish, Ollie Jackson and George Richardson ready to get to grips with the Porsche Carrera Cup car.

Bartrum said: "We're set for a busy year and this is a fantastic opportunity for Motorbase to really establish itself in the Carrera Cup."



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Rooney signs on dotted line for Gills

AFTER finally agreeing terms on a contract extension with Gillingham, Luke Rooney has sought to make it clear the delay was never about a desire to leave the club, *writes David Pritchard*.

The 19-year-old was offered a new three-year deal in the autumn, just months into his first season as a professional.

Rooney wanted a two-year extension instead and with the Gills unwilling to negotiate, talks were suspended in November.

An agreement was reached this week, with the club agreeing to the reduced contract.

Rooney is delighted with the deal and stressed the negotiation stemmed from a reluctance to get tied down for too long, which had happened during an unhappy time in Charlton's youth set-up.

The versatile forward, who has scored twice in 15 appearances this season, was keen to set the record straight.

He told Kent on Sunday: "A few people



Picture: ADY KERRY

AT LAST: Luke Rooney has agreed contract

probably got the wrong end of the stick. I never wanted to leave, it was just a case of getting the right deal.

"I'm really relieved it's been sorted; hopefully now everyone will see it was never about me moving, it never entered my head."

"I can't even begin to thank the fans enough. Literally from day one, even before I came on for my debut, they were singing my name. I haven't really mentioned it before, but they've been fantastic to me and it's really driven me on."

The shorter deal does not affect the Gills. As Rooney would still be under 24 when his extension expires, the Gills would receive compensation if he decided to leave.

Manager Mark Stimson, who felt the ongoing talks had been a distraction, is pleased the matter has been resolved.

He said: "The kid works his socks off, he plays in the right way and it was nice to get him tied up. He can now relax and think about the summer in maybe a different way. We've got a two-year programme now to work on and make him into a first-team regular."